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Rossi, Boniek Robson in \$1m. bonanza

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Paolo Rossi, the 1982 World Footballer of the Year, is expected to head the galaxy of stars who are scheduled to visit Australia for a \$1 million international series in May-June.

Rossi is the goal machine of Italian giant Juventus, which features four other players who won the World Cup for Italy in 1982 — Antonio Cabrini, Claudio Gentile, Gaetano Scirea and Marco Tardelli.

And Juventus also boasts Polish World Cup star Zbigniew Boniek.

Michel Platini, the 1983 European Footballer of the Year, won't be touring with Juventus however, as he is required to play for France at the time.

Glasgow Rangers, Manchester United and Nottingham Forest also will bring top-name players to Australia, providing all the teams tour with full-strength teams. David Mitchell, formerly of Sydney Hakoah, plays for Rangers.

Iraklis of Greece also is included in the international tournament, but it is one of eight teams still in the Greek Cup, the final of which is to be played on 10 June. Iraklis, however, is due to play its first match in Australia on June 8 — obviously an impossibility if it reaches the Cup final.

The other teams still in the Greek Cup are: Panionios, Ethnikos, PAO, Larissa, PAOK, Kavala and Egaleo.

Iraklis's top player is striker Vasilis Hatjipapanagis, rated by many as Europe's No. 1 soccer player.

The top players of the other teams are:

MANCHESTER UNITED: Bryan Robson, Ray Wilkins, Gary Bailey,

Arnold Muehlen, Mike Duxbury, Frank Stapleton and Rami Moses. NOTTINGHAM FOREST: Viv Anderson, Hans van Breukelen, Ian Bowyer, Colin Walsh, Gary Byrles, Steve Hodge.

GLASGOW RANGERS: Peter McCloy, Ally Dawson, Ally McClellan, David Cooper, Jim Bett, Richard Prytz, Colin McAdam, John McDonald, Ian Redford, Grigor Stevens.

Incidentally, Gordon Stevens, brother of Rangers' Stevens, plays for Albion Rovers in the Victorian State League.

The international season starts with Manchester United meeting Australia A at the Sydney Cricket Ground on May 26, and ends on June 22. There will be a total of 21 matches.

Five games will be staged in Melbourne, six in Sydney, four in Adelaide, two in Brisbane, and one each in Perth, Canberra and Newcastle.

Juventus meets Manchester United in the first leg of the European Cup Winners' Cup



Paolo Rossi (Juventus)



Viv Anderson (Notts Forest)



Bryan Robson (Manchester Utd)

semi-final today (Wednesday) and starts its Australian tour with a replay of that game, at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Wednesday, 6 June.

Up to 10 games will be replayed on Channel 0/28.

The international series is the first step in preparing Australia's national team for its 1986 World Cup challenge.

Top European teams have been chosen not only for their drawing power but also because, for the first time, Australia will have to meet a European nation in the World Cup qualifying series, starting late next year.

ALL THE MATCHES

• The full schedule of matches is:

Saturday, 26 May: Australia A v. Manchester United at Sydney Cricket Ground, 3 pm.

Sunday, 27 May: Australia B v. Glasgow Rangers at Olympic Park, 3 pm; Western Australia v. Nottingham Forest in Perth, 3 pm.

Wednesday, 30 May: Australia A v. Nottingham Forest at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, 8 pm.

Thursday, 31 May: Australia B v. Glasgow Rangers at Lang Park, Brisbane, 8 pm.

Saturday, 2 June: Australia A v. Glasgow Rangers at Sydney Cricket Ground, 3 pm.

Sunday, 3 June: Manchester United v. Nottingham Forest at Olympic Park, 3 pm.

Tuesday, 5 June: Australia B v. Glasgow Rangers, Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, 8 pm.

Wednesday, 6 June: Juventus v. Manchester United, Sydney Cricket Ground, 8 pm.

Thursday, 7 June: Australia A v. Nottingham Forest, Lang Park, Brisbane, 8 pm.

Friday, 8 June: Australia B v. Iraklis, Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, 8 pm.

Saturday, 9 June: Select XI v. Glasgow Rangers, Newcastle, 3 pm.

Sunday, 10 June: Australia A v. Juventus, Olympic Park, 3 pm.

Monday, 11 June: Select XI v. Iraklis, Canberra, 3 pm; Australia B v. Nottingham Forest, Sydney Cricket Ground, 3 pm.

Tuesday, 12 June: Australia A v. Juventus, Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, 8 pm.

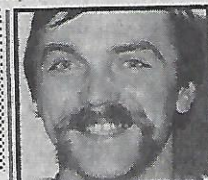
Wednesday, 13 June: Australia B v. Iraklis, Lang Park, Brisbane, 8 pm.

Saturday, 16 June: Australia A v. Juventus, Sydney Cricket Ground, 3 pm.

Sunday, 17 June: Australia B v. Iraklis, Olympic Park, 3 pm.

Wednesday, 20 June: Australia A v. Iraklis, Sydney Cricket Ground, 8 pm.

Friday, 22 June: Victoria v. Iraklis, Olympic Park, 8 pm.



Mirek Smolarek



Joe Palinkas



Stefan Milla



Bruno Cozzella

Fawkner, Polonia stake their claim to NSL

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Polonia or Fawkner for the NSL in 1985?

It looks like a two-horse race in the Victorian State League, the champion of which will replace the least successful of the present Victorian NSL sides.

Fawkner's case will be strengthened by a four-week guest stint by Eamonn Bannon, the Scottish international from Dundee United.

Eamonn, who arrives in early June, is the brother of Fawkner midfielder Ged Bannon.

Fawkner had a rough couple of weeks recently due to the suspension of centre back Frank Macleod and the injury to Ged Bannon, but still achieved good results.

Polonia had no such problems. In fact, it has gone from strength to strength, with the return of left back Mirek Smolarek who earlier wanted to leave the club, and the arrival from Poland of forward Leszek Gregorczyk, leading goalscorer in the Polish second division last season.

Janusz Przybyla, the former Motor Lublin striker, has been scoring with gay abandon and had a haul of six goals from four games before last weekend's round.

His attacking partner, Noel Mitten, had three. Both Fawkner and Polonia made strong applications for membership of this year's enlarged NSL, but lost out to the successful applicants, Juventus, Green Gully, Croatia, and Sunshine-George Cross.

Determined to get in next time, both clubs set about improving their teams.

And both also appointed new coaches — Polonia getting John Gardiner and Fawkner signing Gus Macleod.

Gardiner played for Croatia, Hellas and George Cross, while Macleod was with Green Gully, Footscray J.U.S.T. and Croydon.

Either club would do well in the NSL, as both have strong committees, good grounds and solid support.

Here's a short guide to some of the more prominent players at Polonia and Fawkner:

POLONIA

RICKY LIPIARSKI, right back, recently included in the State squad, longest-serving Polonia player, apart from Andy Czaplak. Had a stint with Ardeer during his youth. Now about 32.

MIREK SMOLAREK formerly of LKS Lodz and a Polish junior representative in 1965 against France, Switzerland, Italy, Greece and West Germany. Also 32 and plays left back.

STEFAN MILLA, sweeper, ex-Gwardia Warsaw, played 12 games for the Polish Olympic team and won the Victorian Rothmans Medal last season.

JOE TRONT, midfielder, came from Scotland to join Mooroolbark where he played in the NSL. Later was with Croatia, Heidelberg-Alexander, Croydon and Wilhelmshaven. Played nine State games.

JANUSZ PRZYBYLA, striker, ex-Motor Lublin, the finest striker in the State League. Scored 16 league and cup goals last year despite missing many games due to injury.

NOEL MITTEN, striker, came from Eire to join South Melbourne Hellas in the NSL and later played for Albion Rovers, Frankston City and Croatia. A former Manchester United apprentice and Eire youth international.

FAWKNER

ROBERT TERZINI, goalkeeper, played for Juventus in the State League before joining Fawkner.

CESARE FATTORE, centre back, long-serving defender with a big reputation. Sought by Juventus early this year.

GARY HOBSON, left back, signed from Croydon recently. PETER BOYLE, midfielder, played in the West Adelaide Hellas team that won the 1978 NSL championship. Has since been with Preston-Makedonia and Green Gully where he played in two championship teams.

GEO BANNON, midfielder, came to Australia to join his brothers Vince and Pat and to play for Juventus. Later joined Frankston before returning to Juventus and then switching to Fawkner for the 1984 season.

JOE PALINKAS, winger, former Australian youth rep, started with Melbourne-Hungaria, then joined St. George Budapest, played NSL for Footscray J.U.S.T. from where he transferred to Brisbane City for \$17,000. Played on loan to Fawkner last season, but a permanent transfer was arranged during this off-season.

IAN TUFFIELD, striker, was with Box Hill and Preston-Makedonia before joining Fawkner. Played many games as centre back last season, due to injuries in the team.

BRUNO COZZELLA, striker, started with Altona City, was top scorer with J.U.S.T. in the NSL before joining Fawkner.



Iraklis — still in the Greek Cup finals

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This week's questions:

1. Name the winner of the grand final of the 1983 Northern NSW Fourth Division.

2. Name the winner of the Tasmanian Rothmans League Division Three title last year.

3. How many times has Tommy Cumming of Melbourne Croatia won the Bill Fleming Medal?

4. Name the Latrobe Valley First Division champion for 1983.

5. Sydney Olympic goalkeeper Gary Meier made one appearance for the Socceroos. In what year and against which team?

Last week's winner was NICK MAKAS, 100 Curtin Avenue, Lalor, 3075. The answers were: 1. Dixie Deans. 2. Adelaide City Juventus. 3. Chris Bambridge. 4. 11 coaches. 5. Eight goals.

THE 40 SOCCEROOS

The Melbourne-based squad is: Peter Laumets, Alan Davidson, Steve Blair, Ken Murphy, Oscar Crino, Doug Brown (Hellas), Tony Franken, Frank Farina (Canberra), Con Opasinis, Robbie Dunn, Claude Lucchesi, Gary Cole (Makedonia), Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg), Jim Campbell, Peter Lewis (Melb. Croatia), Joe Mullen (Adel. C. Juventus), Danny Wright (Brisbane Lions), Andrew Zinni (Juventus).

The Sydney-based squad: Terry

Greedy, David Skeen, Tony Ratcliffe, John O'Shea, Robbie Slater (St. Geo. Budapest), Tony Pezzano, Steve O'Connor, Alex Robertson, Jim Cant, Joe Watson, John Kosmina (Sydney City Hakoah), Graham Jennings, Tony Dakos, Peter Raskopoulos, Jim Patikas, Marshall Soper (Sydney Olympic), Howard Tredinick (Melita Eagles), Joe Rizzotto, Paul Carter, Tommy McCulloch (Marconi), Phil O'Connor (Blacktown), Ian Gray (APIA).

Lucchesi, Opasinis in; Katholos, Cumming out

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Con Opasinis and Claude Lucchesi of Preston-Makedonia and Tony Pezzano of Sydney City Hakoah are the surprise selections in the 40-man national squad named at the weekend by national coach Frank Arok.

In all the speculation preceding the selection of the squad, these three never were mentioned.

The glaring omissions are Tony Henderson, star of the Australian team that won the Merlion Cup in Singapore last December, Melbourne Croatia dynamo Tommy Cumming, and Sydney Olympic's international midfielder Peter

Katholos who has been in fine form recently.

Olympic coach Manfred Schaefer, who dropped Katholos at the start of the NSL season, said after Katholos had scored twice against Penrith last Sunday, that Katholos deserves to be in the national squad. "He has certainly proved a lot to me in the past few weeks," Schaefer said. Cumming, who was player-coach of Croatia for part of last season, and who is playing as well as ever, may have been omitted because he is taking legal action against the ASF over an injury sustained while last on national team duty.

Lucchesi, 28, last was considered for representative soccer in 1976, for a game by Victoria against Bologna of Italy, but after training with the initial 22-man selection, he failed to make the final 16.

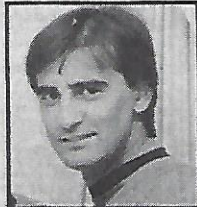
"It was so long ago, I can't even be 100 per cent sure that it was the Bologna match," Lucchesi said this week. "I was never considered again, so I put representative soccer right out of my mind in the past two or three years."

"I'm rapt. It's come as a total shock, but I must say it's refreshing. It's given me a new lease on life."

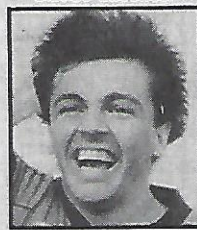
Opasinis, 19, was off the planet when he heard, "Magic. Brilliant. I'm absolutely thrilled. Unbelievable," he said.

He's had only two seasons of senior soccer. Coach Peter Olertson brought him along gradually, using Opasinis to mark opposition danger men.

"I was a midfielder in the juniors, but it was hard to get a midfield spot in the senior team," Opasinis said. "Now, with Gordon Flavell out injured, I'm being given my chance, and I'm really enjoy-



Claude Lucchesi



Con Opasinis

ing it. In defence, you do what you're told. In midfield, you can express yourself much more, and I'm working hard at it."

"I'm really happy for Claude, too. He really deserves it and it's about time he was recognised."

Robbie Dunn switched from West Adelaide Hellas to Makedonia early this year because he desperately wanted the exposure necessary to break into the national squad. He achieved his ambition by being included in Arok's squad, together with another Makedonia player, Gary Cole.

Doug Brown and Oscar Crino of South Melbourne make a long-overdue appearance in the squad, as does David Skeen of St. George and Howard Tredinick of Melita Eagles.

Yugoslav midfielder Zarko Ozdakovic of Preston-Makedonia remains under consideration, subject to him gaining permanent residency. He has been in Australia for only a year.

Makedonia goalkeeper Steve Potter also is under consideration for a future squad.

The Australian squad has been split in two. Half will train in Sydney, the others in Melbourne.

HALFORD APPEALS

Carl Halford was expected to have his appeal hearing set for tomorrow (Thursday) as we went to press.

Halford is appealing against the \$25,000 fee placed on his head by South Melbourne Hellas. The midfielder wants to join Melbourne Croatia.

The appeal will be heard at Soccer House in Melbourne. The appeal board members are expected to be Jim Mangopoulos, Henry Siwka and Tony Kovac.

Bozikas wants \$8000

A County Court summons has been issued in Melbourne on behalf of former Heidelberg player Andy Bozikas, claiming \$8000 in unpaid signing-on fees from Heidelberg.

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With Peter Scott



IN FOCUS

'Mirror' hysteria, 'sponsorship' and Chaldi the spy

Do you ever get the distinct feeling that someone's watching you, but can't quite identify the culprit?

Don't be surprised if Socceroo coach Frank Arok gets that same funny feeling between his shoulder blades during the coming weeks.

Just as he gets ready to get the Aussie World Cup show on the road, he must now reconcile himself to the fact that virtually every move he and his squad members make during the coming months will be under very close scrutiny and faithfully reported to the Israeli Football Association.

The Israelis, likely to be our most dangerous opponents on the road to a hoped-for final play-off against one of the European nations, wasted no time at all in ensuring that they have eyes and ears in this far-flung part of the soccer world.

And, believe me, they have come up with an expert in the person of a former National Soccer League coach of the year, the shrewd Gerry Chaldi.

Formerly a star of the Israeli national team, not to mention Sydney Hakoah's super team of the early sixties, with dozens of appearances to his credit against a wide variety of countries, including such exotica in current-day political terms as a World Cup match against the Soviet Union in Moscow, the French-born Chaldi has been content to play his trade as a Sydney taxi driver, since leaving West Adelaide Hellas several years ago.

But Chaldi's role in Israel's World Cup campaign extends way beyond spying on the Socceroos. He is trying to cover the whole Oceania scene from his home in Sydney's eastern suburbs.

In fact, his greatest problem last week was how to get the goods on China Taipei (Taiwan).

Let anyone become chagrined over Chaldi's aid to the Israelis, rest easy.

Just remember Frank Arok's first reaction after being appointed to the job.

He too will have a full dossier on all our opponents' weaknesses and strengths.

Sponsorship it's not

Seems that skirmishing has again erupted between the NSL and the ASF, this time on two fronts:

- The West Nally involvement, and
- Affiliations of individual office holders with the league.

To take these points one by one, readers of 'Soccer Action' have been forewarned about the possible pitfalls of the marketing agreement by my colleague Les Shorrocks and myself a few weeks ago.

I would appreciate, though, if the agreement wasn't ever referred to again as a sponsorship, because it isn't.

Sponsorship is a form of donation in the hope of public relations benefits, while marketing is a straight out business contract in the case of West Nally's involvement, with all the duties and implications such an arrangement implies.

As for the method of determining the eligibility of individuals to lead the NSL, let me just make two points.

Seeing how we are pinching all sorts of ideas from the USA, it is valid to point out that all American pro leagues, whatever the sport, are led by commissioners with no affiliation to any of the member clubs and with great discretionary powers.

The current moves to change eligibility rules would also be more convincing if it weren't for the fact that they surfaced only after disagreements between ASF leaders and those elected to lead the NSL.

Furthermore, it is valid to point out that the NSL clubs should be mature enough to choose whoever they wish to lead them. After all, their survival hinges on such decisions.

Life at the top

In recent issue of the national daily, "The Australian," Sir Arthur George recalled how he "agonised" over Les Scheinflug's position as Socceroo coach.

I sent a message via my secretary in December to make sure he got a club coaching position.

"If he did not get the message by then, something was wrong," the ASF boss stated.

One would think Sir Arthur could have found the time to personally 'deliver' the message to Scheinflug, instead of via one of his employees.

But then that would imply changing to a leadership style which is obviously foreign to him.

Hot air and hoo ha

If over there was a boat-up story it was "Day of disgrace" nonsense over the Hakoah v Olympic match recently.

And all of it emanated from one source, a colleague who writes for Sydney's afternoon tabloid "Daily Mirror," as well as moonlighting for radio 2GB and another soccer weekly.

The trouble is that in all his righteous indignation he threw the proverbial baby out with the bathwater.

For instance, his local soccer reports in "The Mirror's" March 26 issue consisted of 29 paragraphs, a great deal of valuable space.

Unfortunately, only one, repeat one, paragraph attempted even a cursory description of the actual soccer action in the dozen or so matches.

We were also treated to the almost biblical concept of suggestions that the alleged sins of Hakoah players be visited on the head of their coach Eddie Thomson, putting his appointment as Socceroo B team coach in jeopardy.

The same journo's nine-paragraph report in a soccer publication dealt with the actual soccer only in the last paragraph, letting us know "for the record" that "Soccer Action's" Peter Katholos, as well as Barnes and Kosmina, did manage to find the net.

The crowning glory of this two-day rampage through the media was the statement broadcast over 2GB, stating that supporters, who, incidentally, were stoning and pelting the Sydney City Hakoah bench before anyone was sent off, were "justified" in their rather repulsive carryings-on after the match.

Finally, even the poor skinheads, never more than 10 to 20 of them at Hakoah matches, were blamed for the hullabaloo.

That, as anyone who bothered to observe what went on knows, is simply untrue.

To round off a good week, our friend returned to the airwaves predicting death, I repeat, death, if they dare to turn up for the Hakoah match against Croatia.

That is doing soccer a real service, isn't it?

Thankfully, other members of the media decided to keep matters in some sort of proper perspective and this was mirrored in their reports for AAP, the ABC, the "Daily Telegraph" and "The Mirror's" afternoon rival, "The Sun."

World Cup bull

The "Daily Mirror," yet again, managed to drop a clanger on March 28, when reporting Israel's moves aimed at avoiding the possibility of all World Cup eliminations next year taking place in Australia and New Zealand.

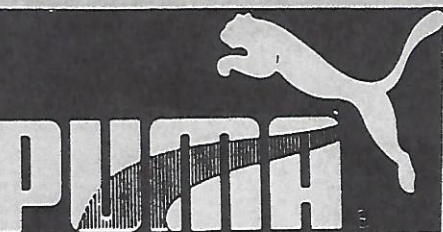
Thundering words emanated from "The Mirror," such as "Act of desperation," "Bombshell," and so on and ad infinitum.

Fortunately for soccer fans this newspaper deals in facts, and the fact is there is nothing unusual in the Israeli action.

Normally, countries grouped together in the Cup eliminations sit down in conference to decide dates and venues.

This has not occurred on this occasion, therefore FIFA has been called in to arbitrate.

FIFA will make a decision and I'm hopeful its edict will be favourable to the Socceroos, who have done their share of globetrotting in years past.



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KB COLLAPSES, ROSEBUD ON SHOESTRING BUDGET

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Adamstown Rosebud, playing under the name of Newcastle Rosebud United, is expected to take the place of the defunct Newcastle KB United in the NSL this week.

Rosebuds would play against Juventus at Olympic Park No. 2, in the first inter-conference challenge round on Sunday.

But it's unlikely that Rosebud will succeed in luring more than a few of the KB players to the new club.

Many of them, including Craig Mason, John Macquarrie, Simon Brandt and Michael Boogaard, have said they will try to join other clubs. Brandt is known to have received a number of offers. Heidelberg and Sunshine-George Cross are among those interested.

The NSL decided at the weekend to allow Adamstown Rosebud to take KB's place in the league, and also be credited with the points gained by KB so far.

However, it ruled that Rosebud would have to pay transfer fees for the KB players, for the good of KB's creditors.

Rosebuds director Joe Lanzoni said that the new club does not have enough money to pay transfer fees. In fact, it has offered the KB players a lot less than they were getting from the old club.

Rosebuds has already paid the league a \$7000 joining fee, so it has little left.

Without the KB players, Rosebud would have to field a team of players from the club's Northern NSW First Division side. The best of them are left back Warren Davies, and young English striker Derek Todd.

Rosebuds finished third behind Central Coast Association and Weston Bears in the North NSW First Division last season. Its former stars include Col Curran, Joe Senkalski, Graham Jennings, Ray Baartz, Ron Giles and Alex Cameron. The club is about 100 years old, has a glowing reputation in Newcastle and boasts a plush licensed club. It plays at Adamstown Oval, which has covering for about 700, and is about to be equipped with floodlights.

The directors of Newcastle Rosebud United — the company formed three months ago in anticipation of KB United folding — are Paul Colver (president), Joe Lanzoni (senior vice-president), Allen Davies (junior vice-president) and Frank Davies. KB United's demise caused NSL manager Steve Karnaz, in a TV interview last week, to express doubts about the success of the new NSL format.

"We decided on the new format in order to cut costs and maximise crowds," he said, "but while we're happy with what's happening in Melbourne, we're disappointed with the crowds in Sydney."

Meanwhile, the KB United players are disappointed that Rosebud decided to appoint a new coach, Jim Foley, rather than Ken Kaiser, the man who coached KB United.

Newcastle KB United collapsed when Ken Sparrow, one of the four remaining directors (there were eight initially) resigned.

That left the club without a quorum and so it was unable even to appoint new directors.

Newcastle KB United had sponsorship of \$30,000 from Carlton and United Breweries for 1984, and CUB also covered a \$30,000 overdraft by the club. However, KB United had budgeted for a further sponsorship amount of \$50,000 from other sources, which fell through.

NSW State League club Sutherland Shire applied for the vacancy when KB folded, but the NSL has decided it is preferable to admit another Northern NSW club.

I think the NSL should be prepared for further problems before the season ends.

Newcastle KB United's collapse is unlikely to be the only casualty; half a dozen or more clubs eventually could follow them into oblivion.

It's hardly a secret that Wollongong, Canberra and Heidelberg have financial worries; Olympic's debt is allegedly near the \$500,000 mark.

And then there are others. Sydney Hakoah, APIA, Footscray J.U.S.T. or the two Adelaide teams may not face immediate insolvency — but they certainly have been wondering, for some time, the wisdom of carrying on in the NSL.

Newcastle's collapse is a shocking indictment of Australian soccer — and I mean 'Australian' as very distinct from ethnic-Australian.

Here we had a team enjoying monopoly in a large industrial city; never in danger of relegation — by guarantee!

They were the boom city of 1976 and 1978, with reported average crowds of 10,000 — the largest in NSL history.

They could use the International Sports Centre for their home games — and even if the rent might have been high, it's still a damn sight less than spending a million bucks or so on your own stadium, as St. George, Marconi and Croatia did.

Over the years Newcastle sold some of their best talent — Boden, the two Tredinnicks, Bertogna, Lowe — collecting sizeable sums.

How can they go broke? I feel it would serve a very useful purpose if a public inquiry was held into the circumstances of Newcastle's disappearance.

Some years ago Western Suburbs was allowed to drift out of the NSL — amid rumors of mismanagement and strange financial "deals".

If an investigation showed that Newcastle's collapse was due "only" to poor administration and management, at least the soccer public would stop feeding on rumors of malfeasance.

Mind you, I don't know whether I'd prefer to hear

No future for district clubs in NSL



Andrew Dettre

that Newcastle went to the wall in an honest but stupid way.

If that can happen to a Newcastle, there is absolutely no hope for any genuine Australian district club to survive without a heavy ethnic link.

And that goes for Adamstown Rosebud, too. I cannot believe that Adamstown, just because of their poker machines and bar licence, will succeed where Newcastle failed.

Indeed, I feel it was wrong to bring in Adamstown as a replacement for Newcastle.

If Newcastle couldn't continue, fine, they could have dropped out. But why was it necessary to replace them with a club which had never applied for NSL membership and never been officially checked out?

The Australian Conference could have carried on with 11 teams — and blast the occasional inter-conference match or whatever it is.

Surely it would have been better, from a sporting point of view, to make some other arrangements for that occasional inter-conference lunacy rather than draft a club into the NSL without any known credentials.

And what sort of a league is it, anyway, where one week a team faces Newcastle and the next week another team meets Adamstown — as if identical opponents could be cloned?

So far three clubs have dropped out of the NSL: Mooroolbark, Western Suburbs and Newcastle. Not

all Affairs, Charlie is also president of Canberra Arrows.

Although he has denied having any ambition to climb to the top in soccer, I feel sure that he would go more than half way to accept a position.

But which position? ASF chief Sir Arthur George, now about 68, intends to stay put for at least another two years.

Besides, if he did want to step down and hand over to a successor, Charlie Perkins would not be in the first two million of his choices.

That leaves the chairmanship of the NSL as a possibility for Perkins, former rough-and-tumble Pan Hellenic and Bankstown midfielder, more recently turned actor ("A bastard like me").

This would require the resignation or removal of the current chairman, Sam Papasavas and probably his deputy, Tony Labbozetta.

But would Sir Arthur George like Perkins nudged so close to the throne? Would it be safe?

And could the two men work together — not to mention any co-operation between Perkins and Sheehan, both abrasive by nature and lacking any semblance of "toujours la politesse."

Peter Sheehan will stay in soccer as long as West Nally wants him; not a day longer. Indeed, maybe not even that long.

But while he is there, his direct influence on Arthur George is reportedly stronger than anybody else's.

I am not sure it's a healthy thing that a man, not elected into any position, representing a foreign marketing organisation, can carry such power and influence in our soccer.

Let others answer that question. Such as Papasavas and Labbozetta, for instance.

Tribunal to view fight video

A video tape of the recent Victorian State League clash between Fawkner and Polonia will be shown tonight (Wednesday) to the VFL tribunal which has been investigating aspects of a brawl which erupted when a spectator clashed with Dave Gibson, seconds after the Polonia midfielder had been sent off in the match.

This sets a precedent for use of what could turn out to be damning video tape evidence. Polonia is up in arms about the tape being shown, for it believes that the convention of relying upon referees' reports should be strictly adhered to.

Polonia is seeking legal advice and may be legally represented at tonight's hearing.

The tribunal's decision to view the video, places referees and players under far greater scrutiny.

Will we now see clubs protests against refereeing being accompanied by videos of incidents such as penalties, off-the-ball clashes, send offs etc?

Contrary to the view prevalent at Soccer House, many clubs now are video taping their home games.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

Don't take Northern NSW lightly!

The Northern NSW Soccer Federation will celebrate its centenary with a match against the strong Victorian state side in Newcastle on April 29.

The match will be played at Adamstown Oval in an area famous for producing countless internationals over the years.

The NNSWSF directors have appointed me as manager of the state side with former Everton star and Rothmans Medal winner Mike Trebilcock as coach.

Preparation of the team has been hampered by incessant rain and the need to fit in with club training requirements.

However the following training squad has been selected which will soon be reduced to 16 players:

Andrew Stowell, David Fitzsimmons, Dale Eggleton, Peter Mamo (Central Coast); Glenn Wand, David Wilson, Brett Baldwin, Brett Porter, Troy Donahue (West Wallsend); Wayne Leary, Jim Goldsmith, Ralph Dixon, Steve Bazarth (Lake Macquarie); Brett Faulkes, Dale Rowney, Scott Haynes (Cardiff); Mark Fullick, Russell Mansley, Andrew Johns, (Weston); Clint Gosling, Peter Burke, Ralph Maier, Michael Boogaard, John McQuarrie, Craig Mason, Simon Brandt (Newcastle United); Paul Robbins (Belmont Swanses).

A notable omission from the squad is former Australian international Joe Senkalski although seven of his team members at Newcastle United

have been selected.

The last time the Northern NSW team took part in an interstate game was in April, 1970 against Queensland in conjunction with the official opening of the International Sports Centre.

Northern NSW has been a prolific nursery especially in the years before the sixties when two-thirds of the Australian team came from Newcastle and surrounding districts.

Notable stars of that era were the immortal Reg Date and Artie Quill, both still ardent followers of Newcastle KB United.

After the 1959 soccer revolution, Newcastle continued to produce players of outstanding ability and the names of Ray Baartz and Col Curran immediately spring to mind. Baartz was a regular in Rale Rasie's 1974 World Cup team until a Uruguayan elbow cut short a brilliant career.

The trend has continued even among the present crop of internationals where one finds Marshall Soper, Graham Jennings, Peter Tredinnick and possibly David Lowe knocking at the door.

However, the most successful Northern NSW product certainly has been Liverpool midfielder Craig Johnston. Craig, a Lake Macquarie junior product, clawed his way to the top in the difficult surroundings of English League Soccer and is an established player in what is commonly regarded as the best club team in Europe.

The present crop of representatives is young and inexperienced but some promising players are emerging and judging by Northern NSW's illustrious record, nobody in their right mind would dismiss this side lightly.

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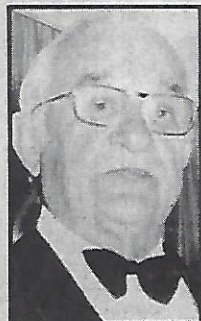
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Sir Arthur George

Sir Arthur apologises; Cup games as curtain-raisers?

Showdown defused



National Cup matches may be played as curtain-raisers to the series of international matches in May-June.

This was one of the possible compromises that helped to defuse the showdown between the National Soccer League and sponsorship interests at the weekend.

The showdown took place at the Australian Soccer Federation executive meeting in Sydney. And in the aftermath, ASF commercial director

Peter Sheehan, and NSL chairman Sam Pappasavas are on speaking terms again.

What's more, ASF president Sir Arthur George will write to the NSL clubs, withdrawing any innuendoes about the NSL management committee or Mr Pappasavas.

The terms of the \$240,000 sponsorship of the NSL by West Niall, through ASF Marketing, will be renegotiated today.

The NSL wants every ground to have the opportunity of hosting "Match of the Day". Neither did the NSL agree that ASF Marketing should have control over the NSL's expenditure.

Playing National Cup matches as curtain-raisers during the international series would solve the problem of NSL clubs losing income during the four-week break in the NSL competition.

And it would guarantee that the Cup matches — which will be played without the services of the 40 players chosen to represent Australia — at least would have an audience.

Presumably, the NSL would get a cut of gate takings if it stages its Cup games as double-head-ers.

All gate takings collected during the international series will be paid to ASF Marketing, and any profit after expenses is held by ASF Marketing, although if the profit exceeds a certain amount, a percentage will go to the ASF. Fees will, of course, be paid to the ASF to pay for the Soccercoors, their coaching and their training camps.

The ASF endorsed the NSL deal with Ansett for air travel. It replaces an earlier deal with TAA.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Juventus rubs it in!

Juventus 2 SM-Hellas 1

Scores: Ward 1-0, 54th, Swinscoe 2-0, 59th; Lewis 2-1, 86th.

Venue: Olympic Park No. 2. Cautions: Miranda (J), Hird (J), Cullen (J), Brown (SM), Swinscoe (J).

Referee: Stewart Mellings.

7.

Did you hear the one about the motley cowboy who, while riding on the range, comes across this guy, spreadeagled on the ground, his wrists and ankles tied to posts? The guys tell the cowboy, "God, I'm glad you've come along. The Indians attacked us. They burned our house, stole our cattle and horses, killed my kids, made off with my wife and left me here to try in the sun." The cowboy gets down off his horse, empties the poor guy's pockets, takes off the guy's leather boots, and gets back on his horse. As he's riding away, he turns and says, "You must really feel you're having one of those days."

It certainly was one of those days for South Melbourne Hellas, and its bad luck stories after the game, could have filled a wild west novel.

But first, let me say that Juventus won it fair and square. Coach John Margaritis had the right tactics. Gary Ward was back at his best up front. Richard Miranda presented a fear-some presence in the midfield. John Dowie was faultless and shrewd and cheeky as sweep, or Billy Rogers was a tower of strength in the air and Frank Geremia emerged as an entity in his own right, rather than merely a stop-gap fill-in for Vince Bannon.

Juventus did, after all, lead 2-0 before Hellas scored four minutes before the end. Ward hit the post, and Kevin Lloyd came close with a shot that brought the best from goalkeeper Peter Laumets.

But what about those bad-luck stories?



Laurie Schwab

First, Hellas lost John Yzendoorn through injury just before half time. That meant Alan Davidson, who had been starting in midfield, had to drop back to the sweeper's position where, incidentally, he continued to star. In the second half Hellas also lost Oscar Crino who, however, had been overshadowed by Miranda. Five minutes from the end, Davidson hit the net with a powerful drive from outside the area, which left goalkeeper Sean Keogh grasping thin air, yet the linesman flagged offside, because a Hellas forward was in advance of the Juventus defenders as Davidson took his shot.

I've written about decisions like that before. If a long-range shot like that finds its target, what's it matter if other players are offside, providing they aren't close to the goalkeeper, they are not obstructing his view and are not, in any way, interfering with play?

With Paul Lewis scoring only a minute later, that would have tied the score but on the other hand, Juventus could have been further ahead by then.

Ward, speaking after the match, said coach Margaritis had advised the team to pressure the Hellas defence, and expose goalkeeper Laumets as much as possible. Margaritis, he said, was confident that the Hellas defence could be beaten.

Ward himself led the on-

slaught, scoring the first goal himself and providing the cross for the second, headed in by Kevin Swinscoe despite a desperate attempt to clear it off the line.

With Charlie Egan back after suspension, and Carl Safford still seeking a transfer, Hellas fielded a three-man attack for the first time in more than a year. Egan was the most mobile of the trio, and worked hard to get something going in attack, but generally, the Juventus defence proved too difficult to pass.

Miranda, as I said earlier, was the prime midfielder due to his great strength and tireless running, despite a painful ankle injury which almost prevented him from playing, but Robbie Cullen also contributed greatly to getting Juventus forward.

Margaritis, the former Hellas coach, said afterwards he knew exactly how Hellas would play, and added that he found Hellas's style easy to read. He warned the rest of the league to beware of Juventus once Vince Bannon, Fabio Incantalupo and Paul Drinoczky recover from injuries. Bannon and Incantalupo especially as "very very close" to returning to the team, and Joe Sweeney is heading back from Scotland.

But what a topsy-turvy competition so far. Juventus had lost to Footscray J.U.S.T. 0-2 the previous week, yet J.U.S.T. lost 0-1 to bottom team Green Gully on the day that Juventus downed Hellas. And Canberra, the team that had beaten Hellas, has lost successive games to Blacktown and Melita Eagles.

The fact remains that Hellas has lost two of its past three games, and faces another very difficult match against mighty Sydney City Hakohu this Sunday.

In front of a full house at the Olympic Park greyhound sta-

Man of the Match: ALAN DAVIDSON (SM-Hellas)

dium, Hellas started promisingly, with Paul Lewis laying on a square pass to Egan whose shot was saved by Sean Keogh in the 9th minute.

Crino was hurt early, in a tackle by Miranda, and then a shot by Doug Brown deflected off the back of Geremia for a corner.

Play swung to the other end, where Kevin Lloyd got away on a through ball and forced Laumets to make a one-handed save.

But Davidson and Murphy continued to push Hellas forward, and in the 35th minute, Brown should have scored.

Keogh came out to smother Lewis, and the ball rolled to Brown who faced an open goal but shot too high.

John Kanesoulis replaced Yzendoorn in the 42nd minute and emerged as one of Hellas's better players for the day.

But it was Juventus that took over only nine minutes after half time. Harry Hird, a fine performer throughout the match, delivered a cross which Andrew Zinni flicked on with his head. It bounced well for Ward who belted it powerfully over Laumets, and just under the bar for the opening goal.

Four minutes later, Ward crossed the ball from the left and there was Swinscoe, at the far post, to head home No. 2.

Ward continued to terrorise the Hellas defence. In a scramble, he slid onto the ball and sent it bouncing off the far post.

When Kiakos came on for Crino in the 62nd minute, the

Hellas midfield read. Kanesoulis, Kiakos, Murphy — and with inexperienced players alongside him, Murphy shouldered the brunt of the responsibility, turning in an outstanding display.

Brown had another clear shot at goal in the 65th minute, on a pass from Kanesoulis, but again he was target, and shortly afterwards Lloyd, on a pass from Ward, beat Laumets with his angled shot which, however, went narrowly across goal.

Egan continued to put in honest effort for Hellas, but Keogh foiled him by pouncing at the forward's feet.

Then came that disallowed goal by Davidson, but Hellas did score only a minute later.

Murphy cut in from the left and tried an angled shot which was deflected by Keogh. Egan kept it in play right on the line, at the other side of the goal, and cut it back to Lewis who slid the ball past Keogh and the lunging defenders.

It had been the first official match between these two clubs since September 5, 1976.

The teams that day were: HELLAS: Kennedy — Batticciotto, Walker, Xanthopoulos, Hagegmanouli — Bourne, Andrews, Alexiou — Cummings, Ollerton, Armstrong.

JUVENTUS: Harby — Sabadini, Tarquinio, Della Rocca, Pfisterer — B. Sabidussi, Marshall, Sannipoli — Vojtek, J. Lucchesi (Kokkinos), C. Lucchesi.



Juventus goalscorer Gary Ward hurdles Alan Davidson at Olympic Park. Picture: LES SHORROCK

FOUR-GOAL WINN RIPS UP CROATIA DEFENCE

Heidelberg 5 Melb. Croatia 2

Scores: Heidelberg 19th, 24th, 47th, 51st, 88th, Patterson (pen) 65th.

Croatia: Gojevic 79th, Cumming 87th.

Venue: Olympic Village.

Cautions: Patterson (H), 54th, McKie (N) 75th.

Referee: Chris Bambridge.

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Steve Winn, who had not scored since his transfer from Marconi, rectified the situation in style, slamming in four goals and coming close on another three occasions! The disorganised Croatia defence had no answer to his aggressive running and clinical finishing.

Perhaps this match was already decided before it commenced. For some obscure reason, Croatia decided to experiment with Sean Parton and George Hannah as central defenders. Instead of sticking



Ken Kontra

to their well tried and successful combination of Parton as stopper, with Keith Adams sweeping behind him. The result was a disaster! Keith Adams is a good player and can play in midfield, but his contribution there did not compensate for the problems his absence caused in the back four.

Furthermore, I cannot comprehend why a team, with two excellent wingers, such as Biskic and Gojevic, should play mostly through the middle. Both are confident in a one versus one situation and can get behind the fullback, but their effectiveness in a deep-lying role, particularly

Man of the Match: STEVE WINN (Heidelberg)

that of Biskic, is questionable. Add to this Jim Campbell's disappointing performance, and you come up with a combination asking for a hiding. Heidelberg was just in the mood to oblige!

The first half was a hard-slogging affair, highlighted only by Steve Winn's opportunistic goal, when he poked home a loose ball from about three metres, following a long Mike Petersen throw-in, a great angled shot by Selemidis was palmed away by Peter Blasby, and two bad backpasses by Mike Petersen and Scot Patterson respectively both found Tommy Cumming lurking behind the Heidelberg defence, but he was denied by good goalkeeping by Jeff Oliver on both occasions.

The second half started sensationally! With just two minutes gone, Selemidis' persistence unsettled the Croatia backline following another long throw by Petersen, and the ball fell for Winn, who slotted home his second past the helpless Peter Blasby.

At this stage, Heidelberg really dominated proceedings, winning the ball in midfield and using the full width of the ground in attack.

Mike Petersen was the best midfielder on view with his captain Thro Selemidis not far behind. Scott Patterson put a lot of effort into his game and gave good support to Steve Winn, who was, as they say, "on the boil".

A series of one-twins in the 61st minute culminated in John Gabrielson's final pass finding Steve Winn unmarked in the area, and Winn made his hat-trick with a low angled shot.

A Scott Patterson penalty a few minutes later, following Tony Carcio's handball, made the scoreline 4-0, hardly what the pundits would have predicted!

Joelp Biskic was replaced by Robert M Kovacs, Gojevic pushed forward to support David Brogan, and Tommy Cumming moved wide to escape the tight marking and aerial power of Don Macleod and Charlie Yankos.

This initiated a mini-revival for Croatia, and Gojevic scored with a well-placed angled shot and Cumming made the scoreline more respectable when he cleverly lobbed Jeff Oliver with three minutes of play left.

However, this was too little, too late, and Heidelberg's hero, Steve Winn put the nail into Croatia's coffin with an 89th minute goal from John Metaxas' lob over the square Croatia defence.

Heidelberg certainly knows how to treat visiting overseas "pundits". Their president, Sam Gouloupoulos entertained a delegation from Melbourne's twin Greek City Salomika when they hosted their first win for the season against Brisbane Lions. This time he hosted three councillors from the famous German university town of Heidelberg, who are currently in town for the celebrations associated with their Australian namesakes. Heidelberg's 50th anniversary as a city I wonder who will be next. I am sure Sam will think of somebody important, if he feels that the team's performance is influenced by these visits!

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Canberra 1 Mel. Eagles 2

Scorers: Duarte (M) 32nd, Farrugia (M) 55th (penalty), Mihailides (C) 70th.
Venue: National Sports Centre.

Cautions: Tredinnick (M)
Ref: Peter Rampler
Poor finishing and shaky defence cost Canberra vital points as visitors Melita Eagles withstood immense late pressure to earn their 2-1 win at the National Sports Centre.

Twice Canberra hit the woodwork — and even missed a penalty.
And once more their back-line was too easily opened up by an enterprising Melita forward line in which speedy striker Dennis Duarte was the star.

Full marks to newcomers Melita for stepping up from NSW State League soccer and moulding a team with such good understanding and strong commitment.
They showed that you don't need a team of big name players to do well.

The first half was generally even, although Canberra just shaded Melita in actual goalkeeping opportunities.
Twice in the first 12 minutes

Melita weathers Canberra storm



Peter Windsor

Canberra created solid goalkeeping chances.

The first saw Melita's goalkeeper Alex McPherson go low to save a Frank Farina shot and in the 12th minute he could not punch a fierce, close-range Hilton Phillips' drive into the air.

The ball fell onto Farina's head and although he was caught awkwardly, the header still bounced off the crossbar.

Sixty seconds later it was Melita's turn and Don Allan had a good chance when fed by Kenny Wilson but his shot lacked pace and was easily saved by Franken.

Immediately Canberra attacked and Farina fired across the face of the goal and in the 22nd minute nice lead-up work by Andrew Brockbank gave Farina another opportunity.

Farina blasted a shot from close-range and only acrobatic reflexes enabled McPherson to save and tip the ball away for a corner.

In the 32nd minute Melita scored a surprise, shock goal.

Man of
the Match:
ALEX MCPHERSON
(Melita Eagles)

Gamble

That was the half-time score and for the second half both coaches made replacements.
On for the Arrows came Alan Reis for Ian Gibson while Alex Jamieson replaced John McKie who took a bad knock right on the half-time whistle.
Just five minutes after the turn-around Farina's phenomenal speed saw him cross to leave Alan Reis with an open goal — but Reis' header smashed against the crossbar.

It was a costly miss.
In the 51st minute Canberra's coach Doug Collins gambled and brought off skipper Steve Bryant for John Mihailides.

And just after this replacement Franken showed his skills in making an incredible save from Jamieson.

Then, in the 56th minute, came a bout of great goal-mouth action. Duarte's shot Franken saved but couldn't hold, and the rebound fell right onto Duarte's head.

This time he didn't make a mistake, and only a handball on the goal-line by Canberra defender Paul Ontong prevented the goal.

From the penalty spot Ray Farrugia made it 2-2.

Canberra came back although they looked dejected. However once more Farina's talents were evident when he lashed in a shot that was brilliantly saved by McPherson.

In the 68th minute Canberra got a penalty — but penalty king Bryant was missing. Can't defender Tony Redmond took the kick, given for a foul by Wilson on Reis, but he shot along the ground wide of the post.

Ten minutes later Farina found young replacement Mihailides and the youngster rounded defender Robbie McGinn in great style before squeezing the ball just inside the right hand post.

Then Canberra came forward with great gusto.

They tore Melita apart. Had this been the commitment earlier they could have been but one result.

But full marks to Melita's defence for holding out and Melita took the points.

McLachlan out, Cirkovic in?

Footscray JUST sacked coach Bobby McLachlan last Monday night and Cedo Cirkovic was expected to be appointed coach as we went to press.

McLachlan was in his second year as JUST coach.

Rumor had been rife for the past few weeks that some JUST committeemen had been trying to remove McLachlan but club president Zika Karic had been adamant that McLachlan should stay.

Until Monday night's committee meeting.

Cirkovic has been the most successful coach in JUST's history, guiding the club through the 1970s to championship and cup triumphs.

Cirkovic coached Fawkner in 1982 and 1983 before being replaced by Gus Macleod.



Action at Hindmarsh Stadium. From left: Steve Maxwell, George Konstandopoulos, John Panagis, Neville Flounders, Peter Rankin. Picture by FRANK HOBBS

Konstandopoulos strikes- Juventus half-baked

By FRANK PANGALLO

W.A. Hellas 2 A.C. Juventus 1

Scorers: Konstandopoulos (39 and 47 min), Maxwell (AC) 84.

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium.
Cautions: McGregor (WA), Stamatopoulos (WA). B. Nyskohous (AC).
Referee: M. Browning 5.

Two opportunistic goals by West Adelaide Hellas youngster George Konstandopoulos sank a disappointing Adelaide City Juventus at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Konstandopoulos put Hellas in front against the run of play just before half time and then strengthened this team's hold with another immediately after the restart.

Juventus edged closer late in the game with a volley from right in front by Steve Maxwell but they then were too late.

Juventus virtually handed its arch rivals the two points from the beginning when it missed sitters right in front of goal. The chief offenders were Joe Mullen and Hankin.

Hellas had its chances too but it was the brilliant reflexes of Juve's goalkeeper Willy McNally that foiled Manecas.

Malavazos and then Konstandopoulos in succession in a frenzied moment in Juve's box.

But Konstandopoulos proved deadly moments later with a power-laden ground shot through McNally's legs.

Hellas broke the deadlock just when Juve seemed to be getting on top.

The goal boosted Hellas' confidence and it exposed Juve's glaring weaknesses, forcing it into childish errors.

Poor passing, slack marking and little imagination when in possession of the ball all contributed to Juve's demise.

There were holes in defence where Shillabeer and Nyskohous made elementary errors. Juve's midfield faded with only Melita trying to retrieve something, while up front Mullen faced a lone struggle as his ordinary team mates were simply out-maneuvred or easily robbed of the ball.

Again it was Hellas' young players who kept up the charge.

Malavazos always looked menacing up front, Konstandopoulos was a tireless runner and Pangas was a real nuisance.

Hellas seemed to go off the boil after scoring its second goal, allowing Juve to push forward and reduce its deficit.

The game became extremely physical late in the second half with referee Mark Browning having to issue plenty of warnings.

The referee figured in a few dubious decisions as things got heated, the most controversial being to ignore an obvious penalty after Juve's Joe Mullen was blatantly tripped in the box.

Juve was trailing 0-2 at the time and a penalty could have an important bearing on the final outcome.

Penalty or not, Juve really had themselves to blame for letting this one slip from their grasp.

Juve's football director Bob D'Ottavi couldn't have picked a better time to leave for Italy in search of two guest players.

The way things are now, Juve is carrying at least four passenger-players who just aren't up to scratch and proving a liability every week.

D'Ottavi won't say which players he has in mind but has hinted that one of them is "four-star" material.

The sooner a deal is negotiated, the better as Juve's supporters won't tolerate this half-baked side.

Man of
the Match:
GEORGE KONSTANDOPOULOS
(West Adel Hellas)

Overseas results

ENGLAND
LONDON: England beat Northern Ireland 1-0 (half-time 0-0) in their British Soccer Championship match at Wembley.
Scorer: Tony Woodcock (49th min).

HOLLAND
SITTARD: Yugoslavia beat the Netherlands 1-0 in an Olympic soccer Group C qualifying match here to win a place in the finals in Los Angeles.
Scorer: Pancey (54th minute).
Attendance: 5,000.

GROUP STANDINGS
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YUGOSLAVIA
BELGRADE: Yugoslavia beat Scotland 3-1 after extra time (half-time 1-0, full-time 2-1) in their European under-21 soccer championship quarter-final second leg match here.

Scorers: Yugoslavia — Manca (10th min), Stojkovic (62nd), Gostic (94th). Scotland — Johnston (50th).

Yugoslavia win 4-3 on aggregate, and play Poland or Spain in the semi-final.

— RICKY ROSSO

Queensland blasts Arok

Queensland Soccer Federation president Ian Brusasco has hit out at national coach Frank Arok over the inclusion of only one Queenslanders in the 40-man national squad for the forthcoming international series.

Brisbane Lions striker Danny Wright was the only Brisbane player picked, despite big tips for Kim Wishart, the Brisbane City keeper who was Terry Greedy's deputy against England last year.

"Queensland players are not getting a fair go at all. Danny Wright must be a real world champion to gain selection under the system which was used," Brusasco said.

"I can't understand that four keepers could be picked and not include Wishart who was No. 1 Arok against England last year. I seriously doubt that he has even seen how well Wishart is playing this season."

Brusasco, a member of the World Cup Committee that voted in Arok ahead of Les Scheinflug a month ago, slammed Arok for "wasting money" in his selection process.

"It was a waste of money bringing in all the coaches, directors of coaching and presidents together and asking them to send recommendations because they obviously have not been used. It constitutes a mockery and a sham of the selection process."

Eleven recommendations

went from Queensland to Arok last week — five from State coach Bruce Stowell and six from City's Joe Gilroy.

Both coaches were dumbfounded by the exclusion of Wishart.

"The only way Queensland can prove a point to Australia, Arok and his assistants is to give NSW a hiding when we play them at Perry Park on April 29."

There will be a lot of players out there with a point to prove," Brusasco said.

"It seems strange that we can win youth tournaments and get players in national youth teams but once they get older they suddenly get bad, according to southern coaches."

"We have always got a bad deal in the past and we have got it again. And it is not only

in relation to the playing squad.

"Queensland has got all the unattractive games in the international series yet we outdraw Victoria for the England game last year. They have got Manchester United against Nottingham Forest and we get Australia B against Iraklis," he said.

— RICKY ROSSO

Game on, then off

In probably the best decision by a Queensland referee in a long time, Alan Kibbler stopped the Derby between Brisbane City and Lions after only eight minutes when near cyclonic conditions turned the match into a farce.

But in the minutes leading up to the kick-off another storm hit Spencer Park and fierce rain turned the ground into a swamp.

Players from both teams tried desperately hard to string passes together but their attempts were continually thwarted as the ball stopped dead or skidded out of control.

It seemed only a matter of time before someone would be seriously hurt.

Kibbler waited for as long as he could, hoping the conditions would ease, but under prompting from both captains called a halt after eight minutes and 33 seconds.

Neither coach had any complaints over the stoppage and the match now will be replayed at Spencer Park tonight (Wednesday).

— RICKY ROSSO

On Sunday the NSL finally acted. The referee was brought from Sydney.

And that man, Peter Rampler, had a particularly good day. He gave only one yellow card and allowed the game to flow.

One wonders why the decision was made. Could it, perhaps, have had something to do with the presence of referee adjudicator Tony Boskovic at Canberra's previous home game against South Melbourne Hellas?

— PETER WINDSOR

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Peter Katholos — two goals

Katholos proves them all wrong

Olympic 2 Penrith 0

Scorers Katholos 49', 88'.
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Referee: Gary Power 7.
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Overseas results

AUSTRIA
GAK 2 Voest Linz 1, Admira Wacker 1
SWW Innsbruck 1, Lask 2, Neusiedl 0.
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Vienna 4, Austria Vienna 1, SV St. Veit 1
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Graz 1

LEADING STANDINGS
Austria Vienna 14 4 3 56 19 32
Rapid Vienna 13 6 2 47 16 32
Lask 12 5 4 38 21 28
Sturm Graz 12 4 5 41 28 28
SWW Innsbruck 7 10 4 35 23 24

HOLLAND
Don Bosch 2, Willem II Tilburg 0, PEC
Zwolle 1, Utrecht 2, Volendam 2, OS'79
Dordrecht 0, Helmond Sport 2, Sparta
Rotterdam 3, Fortuna Sittard 2, Excelsior
Rotterdam 0, Feyenoord Rotterdam 5
Roda JC Kerkrade 2, Haarlem 0, PSV
Eindhoven 0, Groningen 6, AZ'67 Alkmaar
2, Ajax Amsterdam 3, GA Eagles
Deventer 1
Feyenoord R'dam 20 6 2 81-30 46
PSV Eindhoven 19 5 3 78-25 44
Ajax Amsterdam 19 5 4 84-27 43
Sparta Rotterdam 11 11 6 65-47 33
Haarlem 11 11 6 47-41 33
Roda JC Kerkrade 12 8 6 50-44 32

LIBERTADORES
BARRANQUILLA, Colombia: Santos of
Brazil beat Atletico Junior of Colombia 3-0
to collect their first points in Group
Three of Libertadores Cup, the South
American soccer championship.
Santos' goals were scored by Taninho
Carlos in the sixth minute, Lino (48) and
Camargo (81).

Flamengo of Brazil head the group
standings with five points. America of
Colombia have three, Santos two and
Atletico Junior none.

TRIUNFO Peru: Peruvian champions
Sporting Cristal beat Portuguese of
Venezuela 2-1 (halftime 2-0) in a Group
Five qualifying match.

QUITO Ecuador's Nueva de Octubre
and Danubio of Uruguay drew 2-2 in a
Libertadores Cup group four soccer
match.

In another group four match, Ecuador's
National beat Uruguayan champions
Nacional 3-1.

ITALY
BOLOGNA: Italian side Juventus was
held to a 0-0 draw in a friendly
international match against the Toronto
Blitzards of Canada.
Juventus will play Manchester United
in the first leg of the European Cup
Winners Cup semi-final on April 11 and
then play a vital league match against
AS Roma four days later.

BRESCIA: Italy's least Atlantic 1-0
(halftime 1-0) in their European under-21
soccer championship quarter-final match
here.

Score: — Vignola (33rd min).
Italy win 2-0 on aggregate, and meet
defending champions England in the semi-
final.

TUT, TUT JOE RIZZOTTO; APIA CRUSHES MARCONI

**Marconi 1
APIA 3**

Venue: Marconi Stadium.
Scorers: Treddinick 7th,
Sharne 21st, Gray 48th, Brad-
ley 63rd.
Cautions: Rizzotto, Carrizo
(M), De Ceglie (AL).

Marconi is in all sorts of
strife!

Following its 2-2 draw with
league newcomer Melia, the
Fairfield side went down
against APIA. Leichhardt
without even offering a token
resistance. The 3-1 scoreline
flattered the home team after
APIA wasted heaps of chances
during its second half on-
slaught.

John Bradley scored one but
could have had a bagful had he
had his shooting boots on. In
fact he had his first chance as
late as the 53rd but then a pro-
lapse as the 53rd but then a pro-
cession of opportunities came



Alex Vesic

his way. In the 65th and 89th it
looked curtains for James but
Bradley managed to miss.
Kerry Caban had as many
opportunities while De Ceglie
had a couple and Tony Mon-
sello also missed an easy one.

Had only half of these
chances gone in we would have
had a riot at Marconi. As it
was, the home side was only
well beaten.

Joe Rizzotto, Marconi's
young fullback, angered more
than his coach and a section of
Marconi supporters. He also
managed to get offside with
Marconi's administration

after being sent off in the 63rd
minute.

Raul Carrizo, also an early
recipient of a yellow card, ap-
peared to have brought down
Ian Gray with an over zealous
tackle and the referee, Tim
Davies, pulled out a red card
indicating dismissal. However
it was Rizzotto who got his
marching orders and not
Carrizo, apparently for dis-
sent(?)

Rizzotto is a very talented
young player and was invited
to train with Fiorentina (of
Italian First Division fame).
He spent four weeks in Flor-
ence and received rave notices
from the local press. His
return to Australian soccer,
greeted by yellow cards,
averaging almost a caution
per game!

At the time of his dismissal
the score was 2-1 and anything
could have happened. Follow-

**Man of
the Match:
MARK BROWN
(APIA)**

ing his departure APIA steam-
rolled Marconi

APIA had its own star full-
back on show. He was Mark
Brown and he was in superb
form. He kept Peter Sharne in
check and made dangerous
raids down the line. He is fast
and aggressive. He can play
good soccer too.

APIA scored its first goal
through Peter Treddinick. He
picked up a clearance by the
Marconi defence on the edge of
the area and slammed it back
past Sharne from 18 metres.

Sharne replied in the 21st,

but Ian Gray restored APIA's
lead on the stroke of half time.

Bradley made his mark
after a shot by Gray was
dropped by James in the 63rd

Marconi had its triers in
McCulloch, Djordjevic and
James of course, but very
little could be said for the rest.
Tony Henderson played well in
the backline but floundered in
midfield, while David Lowe
and Rod Brown could not
match their opponents. Sharne
was in fine touch during the
first period but was totally
starved of the ball during the
second. John Spanos failed to
produce the goods and was re-
placed early.

APIA must feel well satis-
fied with this win. Not with the
result, but the way it was
achieved. Speed, tenacity,
skill all was there, but no
shooting power to match.

**Geo Cross 0
Makedonia 2**

Scorers: Campbell 9m, Opa-
sinis 73m.
Referee: Sam Zoumas 7.
Cautions: McGorian, Mac-
Laren.

The two coaches took
vastly different point of
views of this match whose
result kept Makedonia well
in touch with the leaders and
sank George Cross to the
bottom of the National
Conference table.

Makedonia's Peter Ollerton
felt that though his side has yet
to hit its straps the result was
never in doubt after hitting the
front within nine minutes of
the start.

"They (Cross) put us under
a bit of pressure in the first
half and had a couple of break-
aways in the second half but I
thought we were never in any
danger of losing this game.

"I'm pleased with the result
— after all the best you can do
is win and you should be happy
with that sort of result. No
matter how it is achieved.
"Performance-wise we're
still playing below our

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**Man of
the Match:
LJUBE PETROVSKI
(Makedonia)**

capabilities but that will come
once the new players are given
a little bit more time to settle.

"The ground condition is
bad and George Cross must be
dreaming if they are looking
for wins on this park."

Steve Potter echoed Oller-
ton's sentiments on the sur-
face and said it was diabolical
in one penalty area which is
covered with sand.

Cross coach Tommy Tray-
nor on the other hand lamented
about the bad luck that is
haunting his side and blamed
only that and the side's lack of
experience for the failure to
get a result.

"There is no way Makedonia's
was a better side than us
out there but they have the
experience to sit there and
take their chances when they
come.

"We have to battle really
hard all day but we're not
having any luck, especially in
front of goal.

"It's disappointing and frus-
trating because all the team
needs is a good win to boost
confidence.

"We're not playing as badly
as our position would indicate.
We knew it would be hard
when we decided to go in this
league but there has not been
any team that has gone out and
hammered us for anyone to
say that we're not good enough
to compete."

The three clear-cut scoring
chances that Cross created
were in fact easy to put away

but when it's all said and done
it was Makedonia which did all
the forcing and its chances far
outnumbered Georgies' ef-
forts.

George Campbell put the
side ahead after only nine min-
utes, scrambling the ball over
the line in a crowded goal-
mouth following a cross from
the right by Ljube Petrovski.

Petrovski turned out to be
the man of the match, tackling
his defensive job well and prob-
ing the Cross weakness down
the right flank at every oppor-
tunity.

He had two attempts at goal
and was unlucky with the sec-
ond, hitting the side netting
after the ball had been laid in
his path by Zoran Ilioski.

On top of that Makedonia hit
the framework twice through
Campbell in the 51st minute

with a header at the far post
following a Graffam Heys
cross from the left and through
Gary Cole a minute later with
a shot that rebounded off the
bar from another Heys centre.

Zarko Odzakovic shewed
glimpses of his real form and
just before half time was un-
lucky with a dipping shot
which beat the keeper but
went narrowly over the bar.

In the end it was left to Con
Opasins to put the seal on the
win with a somewhat lucky
goal in the 73rd minute when
his shot from 25 yards took a
wicked bounce in the box to
completely deceive Alan Con-
tini and end up in the net.

The Cross chances fell to
Don MacLaren sidefooted the
ball wide with an open goal-
mouth gaping at him.

Then there was Ossie Latif,



Peter Desira

who came on despite an injury
and the after-effects of flu, to
break clear onto a great
through ball from Slobodan
Jovanovic only to trip over the
ball as he raced into the box
with only the keeper to beat.

In the final minute it was
John Campbell's turn beating
Potter with his shot from the
left only to see the ball go the
wrong side of the far post.

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MEET THE PLAYERS

Sydney Croatia

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BY ALEX VESIC

NSL newcomer Sydney Croatia long will remember its fight to preserve its name. For years, this club played in the NSW State League simply because its entry into the National League was barred by its unwillingness to change its name.

In search of a new formula for success, the NSL hierarchy eased its regulations last year and in 1984, Sydney Croatia is vying with the best in the land for the title of Australian soccer champion.

In this ever changing world there is one thing that seldom changes — national pride. Sydney Croatia, formed by Croatian migrants, has given many a new settler from the old country his first shelter and a warm blanket in the new land.

This has been the basis of Croatia's large support, giving many migrants something to cheer about at least once a week. And had the name of this proud club vanished it is certain that Croatia's support would have dwindled.

And while the older Croats worked hard to build their own sports centre and clubhouse at King Tomislav Park in Fairfield, the youngsters wore Croatia's traditional tri-colours in search of the quality of football their parents had grown so accustomed to watching.

The Kovacic brothers, Tomasic, Vidale, Rezo, Savor, Tolic, Basic, and others already have shown that they are capable of holding their own in the best footballing community in Australia — the NSL.

Most of the younger players were born in Australia, "dinky di", you might say, but tradition does not die easily with most of them still very much an integral part of the Croatian community.

It is important to note that most of Croatia's playing staff has been with the club for many years — a sign of stability as well as loyalty. When Marjan Kovacic discussed his financial situation with the club at the start of the season last two options

ABONYI AT THE HELM



Sydney Croatia coach Attila Abonyi is one of the greatest ever players produced in Australia. He's the all-time top scorer for the national team, netting 36 times for his country, 25 times in full internationals.

Abonyi played his first match for Australia in the last of the three-game series against Scotland in 1967. Abonyi's last match for Australia was in 1977, against Iran in Tehran. In all, Abonyi wore the green and gold on 69 occasions.

It did not boost his business confidence and injuries, there's little doubt that today, Abonyi would stand tall as Australia's most capped player.

Abonyi, who came to Melbourne from Hungary at the age of 18, started his soccer career with the under-13 and under-14 soccer teams of St Kilda.

He made his senior debut with Melbourne-Hungary at the age of 15 and stayed with the club until he joined St

George Budapest at the start of the 1969 season. It was with St George that Abonyi rounded off his trophy-filled career. He was named all-time top scorer of Australia in 1977 when he transferred to the Sydney Croatia at the start of the 1977 season.

This is Abonyi's second stint with Croatia. He was appointed earlier this year after coaching Canberra Arrows last season. Before being appointed at Canberra he had coached the now defunct Riverwood in the NSW State League.

Abonyi's representative career started at junior level in Victoria. He was selected in that state's under-14, under-16 and under-18 sides for his truly outstanding soccer career.

During 1969, Abonyi, that Attila Abonyi was and remains, one of the most highly respected figures in Australian soccer, a fact recognised recently by national team coach Frank Arkell, who appointed Abonyi as one of his assistants.

CHUCK TOWERS 20
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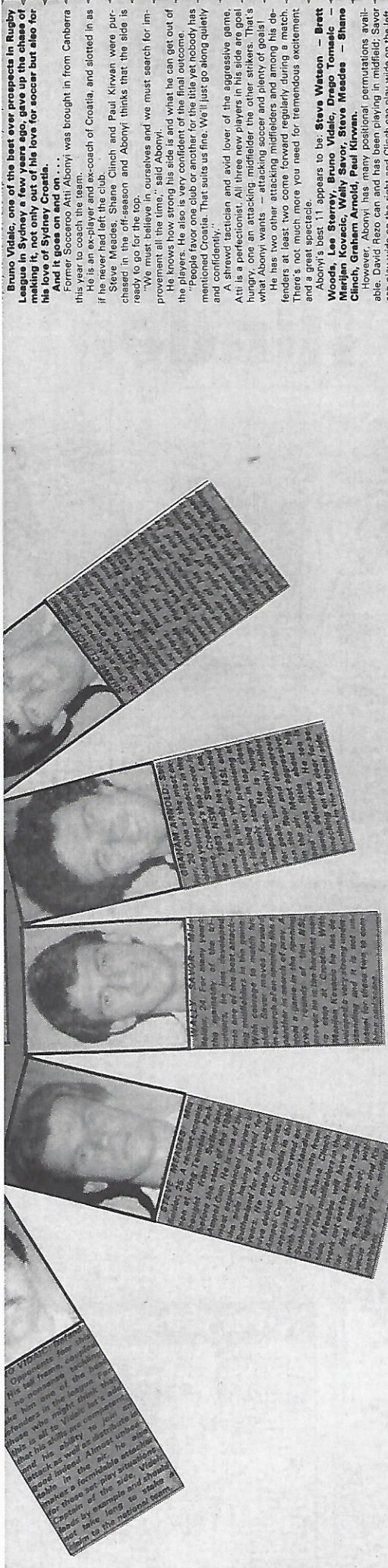
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Schauman and

Massey among former stars

By PETER SCOTT

ing the initial upper hand, clinching the championship and promotion to First Division.

The year was a momentous one, bringing the first of the Australian Soccer Federation and a national record crowd of 18,432 at the Sydney grand final.

Croatia wasn't a part of all the major excitement and politicking, tucked away as it was in Second Division, but this may have been a blessing in disguise, allowing the club to concentrate on its on-field performance.

They were getting ready for the major assault on the big time!

It finally arrived in 1963, having won the Second Division premiership the year before.

Croatia's debut was in the Ampol Cup final, a 1-0 win over the Sydney City Stars.

Croatia went down 6-2 in front of a crowd of 7300 people.

The premiership race proved to be a demanding apprenticeship as well and the "rookies" managed to avoid relegation only by the skin of their teeth.

With overseas stars by the dozen appearing in the top teams, Croatia's squad in its first assault on the NSW title was: Anderson, Be-

naza, Djukic, Fabijanic, Fotlich, Fraser, Frater, Frith, Gergely, Hargrave, Hargrave, McKinnon, Molnar, Pasalic, Pomehac, Schauman, Todorovic, Tomilic, Wesely and Valentic.

Some of those names still stir up glorious memories of supreme soccer skill, the first of which could be traced back to the first game of the Sydney soccer scene during the early sixties.

Then there was Lee Schauman, who initially burst into prominence with Budapest, a gung-ho player who was known to all as Charlie (Choko).

Croatia proved its drawing power almost immediately by attracting 8000 people to its home game against... who else - Yugol.

The club stayed in First Division that year, but then on...

Massey was joined by other Latins in Blachoff, Ledasma, Collazo and Pulg who brought excitement, vitality and color to the game.

Representative honors also came their way, with Schauman selected in the NSW team which played Everton at the Sydney Cricket Ground in front of well over 50,000 spectators.

This match marked Australia's return to First Division after a long absence.

There was drama galore during these pioneering years - internal struggles, name changes to the quaint Metropolitan Adriatic and then the much more prosaic South Sydney.

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'84, title tilt in '85?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

any one of the past few leagues seasons has been just 12 times!

It knocked the stuffing out of him and out of the back four. To be honest, the back-up in that department is not what it should be. When Steve came back, we conceded six goals in two games. That hurt his confidence, but he'll come good. I don't say that, but he's one of the best keepers in the country, though we haven't seen the best of him yet.

"The back four's been disappointing. They've got such a great record over the past few seasons, too. We've looked a bit shaky against much more polished teams at this level. We're not playing as well as we should be at the back and we've looked like we lack a bit of pace. That's been our downfall so far. At this level, the back four have been under pressure for 40 or 50 minutes a game. They're not used to that. It's something they must adapt to."

The strength of Croatia in recent seasons has been its incredible defence. The most that goalkeeper Steve Watson has had to fetch the ball out of the back of his net in

"We've only played half a dozen games at this level. It takes time to get used to and although we've been a bit hot and cold, we'll come good," says Atli Abonyi.

Sydney Croatia will do well to finish in the top five or six places in the Australian Conference this year. That will allow the club, as an established NSL member, to take a real crack at the title in 1985.

Croatia did well in the NSW Ampol Cup earlier this year but NSL competition is a far different proposition.

"The State League isn't as competitive as the NSL. There really shouldn't be easy games in any league but the lads have been used to only pressing State League teams for part of the match and still winning. You can't get away with that in the NSL," says Abonyi.

"The strength of Croatia in recent seasons has been its incredible defence. The most that goalkeeper Steve Watson has had to fetch the ball out of the back of his net in

Bruno Vidali, one of the best ever prospects in Rugby League in Sydney a few years ago, gave up the chase of making it, not only out of his love for soccer but also for his love of Sydney Croatia.

And it goes on and on...

Former Soccerro Atli Abonyi was brought in from Canberra this year to coach the team.

He is an ex-player and ex-coach of Croatia, and slotted in as if he never had left the club.

Steve Meades, Shane Clinch and Paul Kirwan were purchased in the off-season and Abonyi thinks that the side is ready to go for the top.

"We must believe in ourselves and we must search for improvement all the time," said Abonyi.

How to improve? He said, "I don't know what he can get out of the player. He also has a very confident of the final outcome."

"People favor one club or another for the title yet nobody has mentioned Croatia. That suits us fine. We'll just go along quietly and confidently."

A shrewd tactician and avid lover of the aggressive game, Atli is a perfectionist. All three new players in his side are goal hungry, one an attacking midfielder the other strikers. That's what Abonyi wants - attacking soccer and plenty of goals!

He has two other attacking midfielders and among his defenders at least two come forward regularly during a match. There's not much more you need for tremendous excitement and a great spectacle.

Abonyi's best 11 appears to be: Steve Watson - Brett Woods, Lee Sterrey, Bruno Vidali, Drago Tomsic - Marjan Kovacic, Wally Savor, Steve Meades - Shane Clinch, Graham Arnold, Paul Kirwan.

However, Abonyi has many positional permutations available. David Razo can and has been playing in midfield. Savor can play wide on the right and Clinch can play wide on the left. If needed, Tom Razo can play in defence and Clinch at the back.

The one area which has caused perhaps could do with more depth is in defence. Basic and Alex Kovacic (when available) add to the depth in this area but Ellis, who understated goalkeeper Watson last year, has left. The reserve goalie is 25-year-old Ivan Kartalo.

The average age of the side is just over 23. With such a young side, yet one which has been together for the past few seasons, and with such a competent coach, Sydney Croatia is certain to cause problems for the traditional "big guns" of the NSL.

"The midfield also has been disappointing. With the exception of Wally Savor, that is, I can't tell you just how good Savor has been for us. He's been incredible. He's been producing each week. He's also scored two goals. We're getting players forward from midfield but not into good situations up front. We're also not creative enough in this area. Again, it's a matter of adapting to the greater pace of the National League. In midfield in the NSL you've got to battle for the ball for the 90 minutes. There's just no let-up."

"Up front, Graham Arnold has got three goals in the first five games. You can't complain about that, and Shane Clinch is going to be a hell of a player for us. He's missed a couple of games through injury but I'm confident that he'll do a great job. And of course, there's Bernie Gadic, who we signed recently. Actually, in the first five games, we've scored seven goals. Now, there's nothing wrong with that. But we've conceded 13 goals in that time too. That's been the problem."

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Fawcner, riding high on top of State League has put Cesare Fattore on the transfer list after failing to come to terms with the talented centre-half.

Gus McLeod, Fawcner's coach, described the terms offered to Fattore as the best he'd ever seen in the State League, but Fattore felt that the maximum quoted in the contract was too high.

Fawcner, facing a danger game this Sunday against free-

scoring Northcote, will have to manage without Peter Boyie who was sent off along with Albion's player-coach Billy Vojtek last week.

Northcote knocked back an offer of \$8000 from Juventus (why do Juve need more players) for Colin Quigley, but even with Quigley it's hard to see Northcote keeping out Fawcner.

Polonia too, faces a danger

game, against the enigmatic Morwell Falcons, whose players mostly regard games in Morwell as away games. Morwell, like Polonia, still unbeaten, keeps settling for a draw, much to Jimmy Dunne's fury, but one of these weeks Falcons will hit their straps, and this week could be it.

Western Suburbs didn't take long to recover from that hiding Polonia handed out, banging four goals past Knox

last week, and they could pick up another good haul against hapless St Albans on Saturday, especially as the Saints will be without the inspiration of Vojtek.

West's recruited shrewdly during the close season, and the result is starting to show, with striker Ged Stenson leading the Schipano \$1000 best player award, and that clever, very much under-rated player Kieron Coyle moving up the goalscorer's list too.

Croydon City, facing a tough game at Doveton, will be with-

out Mick Rainey, injured, and Steve Irvine, suspended. Not many teams will win at Doveton, and Croydon might have to settle for a draw.

Knox City could sign Milan Kojic, freed by Fawcner, in time for the local derby with Ringwood, which, like most derbies, will probably end in a draw.

SATURDAY
FRANKFORD PINES v Broadmeadows at Monterey Boulevard, 3 pm.
Knox City v Ringwood City

(draw) at Egan Lee Reserve, 3 pm.
St Albans v **WESTERN SUBURBS** at Churchill Reserve, 3 pm.

SUNDAY
BOX HILL v Albion Rovers at Wembley Park, 3 pm.
Doveton v **Croydon City** (draw) at Waratah Reserve, 3 pm.

Polonia v **Morwell Falcons** (draw) at Raleigh Reserve, 3 pm.
FAWKNER v **Northcote City** at Smith Reserve, 3 pm.

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	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FAWKNER	3	1	0	12	6	7
POLONIA	2	2	0	14	5	6
NORTHCOTE	3	0	1	11	3	6
WESTERN SUBURBS	3	0	1	11	8	6
FRANKTON PINES	2	1	1	4	2	5
Morwell Falcons	1	3	0	4	3	5
Box Hill	2	1	1	4	6	5
Croydon	2	0	2	2	2	4
Knox City	2	0	2	5	6	4
R. Wilhelmnia	0	2	2	3	6	2
Doveton	0	2	2	2	5	2
Broadmeadows	1	0	3	3	7	2
Albion Rovers	1	0	3	3	8	2
St Alb. Dinamo	0	4	2	13	0	0

MORWELL FALCONS **0** **DOVETON** **0** at North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday.

MORWELL FALCONS: Whiteside 7 — Bingham 8, Clarke 7, Higham 7, Train 7 — Moore 8, Maclean 7, O'Callaghan 7 (Kent 80th) — T. van Baar 6, Athershy 6, McGuinness 7, Coach: Jimmy Dunne.

DOVETON: Ryan 8 — Gadsby 7, Buchanan 7, Miller 7, Fitzpatrick 8 (Edmondson 75th) — McDonald 7, McLeod 5, Davio 7 — Webster 6, Stinton 6, M. Lennon 5 (Laletas 70th). Coach: Hammy McMeachan.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 Bingham (MF), 2 Ryan (D), 1 Moore (MF).

RINGWOOD WILHELMINIA **1** (Wells 75th) **POLONIA** **1** (Przybyla 65th) at Jubilee Park, Sunday.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINIA: Lee 8 — Murray 7, Meyer 7, Corke 8, Verniers 7 — G. Haupt 5, Burton 8, Wells 7, Shannon 6 — Bakker 8, Warszawa 8. Coach: Rudi van Altena.

POLONIA: Lukac 6 — Avian 5, Innes 7, Mila 6, Smolarek 7 — G. Czarnik 6, Tront 6 (Petrov 76th), Gardiner 6 — Mitten 8, Przybyla 6, Gregorczyk 5. Coach: John Gardiner.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 Burton (RW), 2 Mitten (P), 1 Corke (RW).

FAWKNER **5** (Cozella 47th, 67th, Macleod 65th, Palinkas 66th, Tuffield 76th) **ST ALBANS DINAMO** **1** (Culina 56th) at Smith Reserve, Sunday.

FAWKNER: Terzini 7 — Giacomini 5, Cavallini 6, Macleod 8, Hobson 8 — Boyle 7 (Sufford 54th), La G. Palmancicotti 58th — Palinkas 6, Cozella 8, Tuffield 7, Garvey 8. Coach: Gus Macleod.

ST ALBANS DINAMO: Ivkovic 6 — Nobilo 5 (Kuzman 75th), Radman 5, Brkljacic 6, Morovic 6 — Pavlovic 7, Vojtek 7 (sent off 60th), Dezic 6, Batinovic 8 — Culina 8, Bruno 6. Coach: Bill Vojtek.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 Macleod (FI), 2 Culina (SAL), 1 Garvey (FI).

NORTHCOTE **3** (Dionisopolous 16th, 80th, Mi-covski 40th) **BROADMEADOWS** **0** at John Cain Reserve, Sunday.

NORTHCOTE: Giannopoulos 8 — Wright 7 (Inj. Cutler 43rd), Bozakis 7, Katsakidis 6, Wilson 7 — Patrioticos 7, Quigley 8, Toro 7 — Dionisopolous 7, Micevski 7 (Constantinou 75th), Boarotto 7. Coach: Tony Vrzina.

BROADMEADOWS: Grech 7 — Smart 7, Donaldson 5, Vizzini 5 (Inj. Liberto 40th, 61), Watson 4, Daniels 4 (Wilson 60th), Stokios 4 — Campbell 4, Vasic 5, Vaccaro 2. Coach: Dave Connor.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 Quigley (NI), 2 Giannopoulos (NI), 1 Bozakis (NI).

CROYDON **0** **BOX HILL** **1** (Smith 62nd) at Croydon Park, Sunday.

CROYDON: Kastner 9 — Rainey 7 (Inj. Allen 56th), Ormond (Bates 56th), Singleton 7, Loy Salsi 5 — Marley 7, Brewerton 8, Irvine 8 (sent off 80th) — Griffith 7, French 6, Killey 5. Coach: Colin Haslar.

BOX HILL: McKinlay 7 — I. Roodhouse 9, Brooks 8, Brownlie 7, A. Roodhouse 7 — White 6 (Azzopardi 79th), Underwood 7, Hughes 7, Keenan 6 — Verelich 7, Smith 8 (sent off 80th). Coach: Bill Murray.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 I. Roodhouse (BH), 2 Kastner (Croy), 1 Smith (BH).

WESTERN SUBURBS **4** (Coyle 28th, 30th, penalty 54th, Lazopoulos 32nd) **KNOX CITY** **2** (Masters 20th, Gerrish penalty 31st) at Ralph Reserve, Sunday.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Tachiris 7 — Papachristodoulou 6, Dimonakis 6, Howe 7, Lekkas 7 — Hammel 6, Misset 7, Coyle 7 — Lazopoulos 7, Stenson 8, Phillips 7. Coach: Jim Condliss.

KNOX CITY: McTurk 7 — Dixon 6, Tunstall 7, Bissinger 6, Murray 5 (Lesbire 56th) — Smith 6, Brindle 4, Roddis 7 — Gerrish 6, Masters 6, House 7. Coach: Eric Lesbire.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 Stenson (WS), 2 House (KC), 1 Coyle (WS).

ALBION ROVERS **0** **FRANKTON PINES** **1** (Ross 21st) at Selwyn Park, Saturday.

ALBION ROVERS: Bryden 6, McCormow 5, Douglas 5, D'Sylva 5, Barber 5 (Gait 60th), Gailis 5, Wells 5, Salko 5, Bouzas 5 (Spitani 35th), Rodriguez 5, Gilmore 5. Coach: Billy McIntyre.

FRANKTON PINES: Stutchbury 6, Beech 6, Bruce 5, Cummings 7, Roggero 6, Cooke 6, Ross 6, O'Halloran 8, Livingstone 7 (Dick 72nd), Miller 8 (Luka 67th). Coach: Danny McMilline.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 O'Halloran (FP), 2 Reilly (AR), 1 Livingstone (FP).

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Leading vote getters:
9 — Stenson (WS)
7 — Marley (Croy), Bingham (Morw),
6 — Smith (Box Hill), Quigley (North), Mitten (Pol), Meyer (Wilhel).
5 — I. Roodhouse (Box Hill), Singleton (Croy), McTurk (Knox), Wilson (North), Przybyla (Pol).
4 — Gerrish (Knox, Liparski (Pol).

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7 — Przybyla (Pol)
4 — Gerrish (Knox), Coyle (WS)
3 — Smith (Box Hill), Cozella (Fawk), Dionisopolous (North), Mitten (Pol), Lazopoulos (WS).

By LES SHORROCK

Wilhelmnia 1

Polonia 1
Scorers: Wells 75th (W); Przybyla 85th (P).
Venue: Jubilee Park
Ringwood Wilhelmnia went out to try and save a point against title contender Polonia. Not only did Wilhelmnia succeed, it

almost snatched victory, because of Polonia's inability to convert simple chances.

The first goal in this clash always was going to be vital. The longer the game wore on without Polonia making the

breakthrough Wilhelmnia players grew in confidence.

In the 35th minute, Janusz Przybyla, the leading State League scorer was responsible for an almost unbelievable miss.

Noel Mitten won the ball from Wilhelmnia's Graham

Haupt and passed to Greg Czarnik, who beat a defender inside the Wilhelmnia area then chipped to the far post. Unchallenged, and with a goal at his mercy, the experienced Przybyla headed past the bottom right hand post.

In the 43rd minute, a Polonia throw-in from the left was allowed to bounce inside the Wilhelmnia area. The ball fell to Leszek Gregorczyk, whose shot was saved on the line by a defender. However, the ball broke back to Gregorczyk and with an open goal in front of him, he slammed the ball onto the cross-bar.

A minute later, Stefan Mila almost gave away a goal. Under pressure, his bad back-pass beat Polonia goalie Mike Lukac and trickled wide of the far post for a Wilhelmnia corner.

Lukac was far too casual in dealing with a Graham Haupt cross in the 55th minute but Polonia player-coach John Gardiner tidied up after the goalmouth scramble resulting when Lukac dropped the cross.

Wilhelmnia's 75th minute goal breathed life into the game.

Greg Warsawski got down the right flank, past Kevin

Innes, and with a hesitant Mila caught in no man's land, Warsawski rolled the ball back for Mike Wells to smack a first time shot from 10 metres into the roof of the net. It was a fine goal from the former Dingley player. Ironically thought, it was the first time that Wells had got into a dangerous position inside the Polonia area.

Gardiner immediately replaced Joe Tront with Chris Petrov. Innes went from defence to centre forward, with Petrov playing in a mid-field. In essence, Polonia was using four up front now.

A moment later, after a mix-up between Gardiner and Mila, Wilhelmnia could have wrapped it up. The ball broke to Warsawski whose shot was deflected onto the post by Lukac. The rebound came straight back into the arms of the Polonia goalie.

Polonia equalised with five minutes left.

Gardiner played the ball to Mila whose long, left foot cross fell for Petrov. His first time shot was inadvertently deflected past Wilhelmnia goalie Stuart Lee by Przybyla, who claimed the goal that gave Polonia a point.

ALBION OFF LIMITS?

By MICK MITTEN

LES SHORROCK

When I arrived at Selwyn Park for this titanic clash, the gatekeeper for the day, a well-known Albion character, greeted me with a volley of abuse about "free-loaders" with VSF passes.

"There's too many of these passers," he opined, "They should all be stopped!"

When I ventured to point out mildly that I was there to cover the game, and if I didn't get in nothing would appear in print, he seemed less than impressed.

Unfortunately, he relented and let me in, and as I parked the car I reflected that I'd had more trouble in Spain, getting in

and stuck Steve Beech on Stewie Gilmore, with the result that Gilmore's main contribution was a couple of late challenges on Pines' goalkeeper Dave Stutchbury, the second of which earned him a yellow card.

Pines also used Peter Thurlow up front, which allowed young Vic Roggero to make a promising debut at left back.

Otherwise, in a day of mind-boggling results, Tommy O'Halloran, who was unfortunately when he hit the post, stuck out like a sore thumb, and Albion's star was captain Gerry Reilly, who shone like a jewel in a mid-den and who never gave up trying to urge on his motley crew.

ling and slack marking which contributed to this defeat.

Dandenong City played the ball about simply and effectively and its players were given a lot of time to control the ball and spread it about. The first goal came when City broke on the right and a cross found Spencer in front of goal. He made no mistake.

Dandy's second came right on half time. Kevin Emden was tripped on the half way line. Amazingly, the ref waved play on and Johnson broke to score from close range.

A 25 metre shot from Johnson in the 72nd completed the scoreline. The second half was a dull affair indeed.

PROVISIONAL DIVISION ONE
MONASH UNIVERSITY **0** **MALVERN CITY** **2** (Alagiolozidis 15th, McCann pen 30th) at Monash, Saturday.

DIVISION TWO
DANDENONG CITY **3** (Spencer 8th, Johnson 44th, 72nd) **ELTHAM** **0** at Dandenong, Saturday.

DANDENONG CITY: Devile 7, Polunski 2, S. Napp 8, K. Fox 7, Maitland 7, Johnson 8, T. Fox 6, Brazzi 7, L. Napp 7, Spencer 8, Bone 7.

ELTHAM: Carey 7, Emden 4 (Cubley 88th), M. Cirks 6, Reynolds 6, DeLany 7, Lawrie 6, Woodward 6, Alderson 5, P. Cirks 7, Norton 4 (Halloworth 80th), Venderlark 4.

Eltham coach Rajko Curcija had just 10 fit players to field against Dandy City on Saturday. The Redbacks captain, Mick Cirks, took the field after spending the week in bed with bronchitis.

However, no excuses can be made for Eltham's weak tack-

Tahmasbi, G. Roubos, K. Triantafillou, I. Alagiolozidis (sent off 80th).

Malvern City gained its first league points of the season at the expense of Monash Uni.

The University side began poorly and recent problems in defence were exposed yet again as Alagiolozidis headed the visitors into the lead after 15 minutes. Recent signing Gareth Martin subsequently added stability at the back for Monash but not before Malvern keeper McCann had extended his team's lead from the penalty spot.

The second half saw a much more even contest between the two sides, but Monash was given a chance by the efforts of Malvern keeper McCann. The home side gained superiority in numbers when goalscorer Alagiolozidis was sent off late in the game, but the scoreline remained unaltered.

DIVISION TWO
SOUTH DANDENONG **1** (Patterson 75th) **GEELONG UNITED** **1** (Witcki 38th) at South Dandenong, Saturday.

SOUTH DANDENONG: M. Lopez 8, Bravo 45th, P. Medina, E.

GEELONG UNITED: G. Gumina, R. Soldani, M. Glick, S. Didiak, W. Ratten, P. Longo, L. Witcki, C. Cambria 18, Kociak 80th, P. Clatbach, D. Ujlar, L. Giorgio.

A fast, entertaining and skill-packed 90 minutes with many near misses at both ends, was hidden behind a rather dull looking final scoreline. Geelong always looked the more penetrating in attack but the home defence was in fine form.

In contrast, South had a lone, hard-working Castillo up front who lacked support when most needed. With more power in attack the home side might just have earned both points against a sometimes suspect Geelong defence.

Witcki's first half goal was well taken and well deserved. South persevered and earned a share of the spoils late in the game. Angelo's free kick was low and fierce across the face of goal. Castillo slowed up the pace of the ball which fell to the diminutive Presta.

Gumina, committed to dive, had no chance.

Presta's quick-think' helped goal.

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The announcement represents a tantalising challenge, not only to "Toros" but also to the last of Europe's big-spending clubs. For Toroscsik is, or has been, the great enigma of his time: a talent so pure he evokes comparison with the magical Magyars of the 1950s grafted onto the spoiled, latter-day pop-star image that many players have acquired.

His fleet-footed movements have been so exquisitely balanced that we've sat and drooled. There are not a handful of players who could imagine, never mind execute, his repertoire.

Yet how many times have we despaired of him?

How often have we seen the man's mind disengaged, the stomach round and flabby, the star eclipsing himself?

When he is on song and even when his tune decidedly offends, there is no need to go looking for Toroscsik.

His face, beneath a haircut on which Princess Diana might have modelled hers, stares innocently from shop windows in Budapest, the photographs helping sell



Andras Toroscsik

everything from products from soap powder to toothpaste.

Yet many believe he has no right to be playing for his country. Added to suspensions (two of them for "life") levied but invariably lifted because of his quicksilver skills, he has twice been involved in serious car accidents.

He has lost his licence under the admittedly severe Hungarian laws. What's the bid?

— ROB HUGHES

Brazilians suspended

The International Football Federation (FIFA) has suspended Brazilian international Eder and six other players for three months.

The ban was imposed for joining a search South American team which made an unofficial tour of South-East Asia in December.

But a spokesman for the CBF said he was surprised that at least one of those suspended — centre-forward Roberto de Rio's Vasco da Gama — had not even been part of the team.



Eder

The others suspended, according to the CBF official, are Edvaldo, also of Rio's Vasco da Gama, Rodrigues Neto and Jaime Nielsen, of Rio's Sao Cristovao, Carlos Alberto, skipper of Brazil's 1970 World Cup winning team, Uruguayan-born goalkeeper Rodolfo Rodriguez, of Santos, and Paraguayan striker Romerito, of Rio's Fluminense.

Junior to Naples, Mathaeus to Bayern

By PAUL MOON

• Naples says it has secured Brazilian international Junior on a three year contract from the 1984-85 season. Junior, it is claimed, will receive a \$1,200,000 signing-on fee and his present club Flamengo \$1,300,000.

the club's members had voted to disassociate themselves from sponsor Rothmans for political reasons, but a subsequent poll overturned the result.

Former Sydney Olympic defender Ricki Harbert now plays for University.

• The Milk Cup is now Liverpool's permanent possession, following its defeat of Everton in this year's final — the Anfield club's third successive triumph since the trophy was donated by Britain's Milk Marketing Board in 1982.

• Dates for England's South American tour have been finalised. England plays Brazil on June 10, Uruguay on June 13 and Chile on June 17.

• Dino Zoff may have retired, but his predecessor in the Italian goal plays on! Enrico Albertosi, who appeared in the 1970 World Cup final, is now with Serie C club Elpidense. He is 44.

• Former England international midfielder Tony Currie is back in senior soccer. The 34-year-old recently signed for Torquay United after a short stint with amateurs Chesham.

• Saudi Arabia has dismissed Mario Zagalo as its national team manager, just before it contests the final round of Olympic qualifiers in Singapore. The sacking came after the Saudis lost two of their three opening games in the Arabian Gulf Championship in Oman.

• Cameroon won the African Nations Cup for the first time, when beating Nigeria 3-1 in the final in Abidjan (Ivory Coast). The overall standard of the tournament was the highest ever and confirmed Africa's great progress in recent years.

• The Plymouth Argyle v Watford FA Cup semi final will be played at Villa Park, Birmingham, while the venue of the Southampton v Everton tie is Highbury, the home of Arsenal. Both matches will be played on the morning of April 15 Australian time.

• John Ward, Liverpool's recent \$900,000 acquisition from Ipswich Town, is ineligible for the English champions' remaining games in this season's European Champions' Cup.

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TASMANIAN SCENE

with Walter Pless

Cook signs



● Nick Cook at training with his new club, Olympia-WPL... fit, keen and heading in the right direction.

Olympic-WPL has signed Nick Cook on a three year contract

It is Cook's second spell with the Greek club, his first having lasted a mere three matches.

Cook played with Rapid last season and with Taroon-St Mirren in this year's Michael The Tailor Summer Cup tournament.

He was sent off in his first match for Taroon, something which is becoming almost traditional for Cook, but he is determined to maintain his self-discipline while playing for Olympia.

Coach Otto Klaus is hoping that Cook's experience will benefit the team and he is expecting big things from the controversial Englishman.

Klaus is hopeful that Cook will be able to plug the gap left in the side by Ronnie Bolton's surprise retirement this week. Bolton failed to turn up for Olympia's recent cup clash with Juventus-Pioneer.

Olympia-WPL has also signed the former University captain, Keith Broadhouse. Keith is the elder brother of Juventus star, John Broadhouse.



Olympia-WPL players show off their new kit, back row from left: Otto Klaus (coach), Padas, Nikitaris, Paul George (WPL executive). Front row: Paplos, Sherman (capt.).



● Phil Kannegiesser in training... blaming himself for Pace's opening goal for Juventus against Rapid in the Cup final.

FOOLED YOU!

April Fool's Day played some terrible jokes on goalkeepers and defenders in the two sectional cup finals of southern Tasmania's Michael The Tailor Summer Cup competition.

Two penalties (conceded by goalkeepers who are brothers and who each played one half of the cup final for White Eagles), and own-goal, two bad goalkeeping errors and a serious defensive blunder were the order of the day as Juventus-Pioneer and Hobart City-Azzuri took out the Cadbury League and Rothmans League sections, respectively, of the Summer Cup.

Juventus took an 11th minute lead against Rapid when Sergio Pace's low shot, following a Di Felice cross, sneaked under Phil Kannegiesser's diving body.

Kannegiesser was obviously upset by his error but his defence was to blame for Bruce Ward's goal in the 70th minute which gave Juventus a 2-1 win.

Rapid should have cleared its lines but decided to pass the ball around in the penalty area while under pressure.

When John Diba finally did clear, the ball only reached



Simon Templeman... scored for White Eagles in the Cup final against Hobart City.

Tommy Wilson on the edge of the penalty area and he misused his back-pass to Kannegiesser, allowing Ward to intercept and round the 'keeper to score.

Rapid's goal came in the 57th minute when Steve Craven fumbled Danny Donohue's crisp shot, allowing Thomas to drive the ball home at the far post. The goal meant that Neil Thomas has now scored in three consecutive Summer Cup finals.

Having been on the winning team (Croatia-Glenorchy) in the past two seasons.

White Eagles had all the chances against Hobart City but lost 1-3 after missing a penalty and conceding an own-goal.

Kim Barker, the Rothmans League section top scorer - Juventus' Bruce Ward won the Cadbury League section award - shot straight at 'keeper Brighella in the 26th minute following a penalty for 'hand-ball'.

A minute later and it was a penalty at the other end when Paul Jones floored Gilbert Steenhuis as the striker tried to round him in pursuit of the ball which, ironically, was on its way out of play for a goalkick.

Sorgi slammed the penalty against a post but the alert Maxwell was smart enough to tuck away the rebound and save City from embarrassment.

In the second half, Paul's brother Craig, who had replaced him in goal at the interval, needlessly brought down Maxwell to concede his side's second penalty. Pignatola took the kick this time and made no mistake.

The final ignominy for Eagles came 10 minutes from time when full back Lawler turned Cengia's cross into his own net.

The Italian celebrations at the end of the day rivalled those of 1982 following Italy's World Cup victory. After all, it's not every day that two Italian sides win a cup final!



CASEY DeBRUIN, coach, 37, born in Rotterdam, Holland and played NSW First Division for St George.



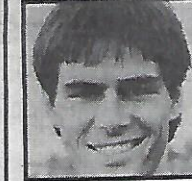
ROBERT WHEATLEY, full back, 22. Played for Australia at youth and senior levels. Was a State schoolboy rep previously.



CHRIS DUNLEAVY, centre back, 31, won English Fourth Division title with Southport and played in the U.S. with Philadelphia, which won the NASL championship. Joined Blacktown from Wollongong.



JOHN STODDART, midfielder, 35, capped for Edinburgh schoolboys; played and captained NSW. Formerly of St George Budapest and Melita Eagles.



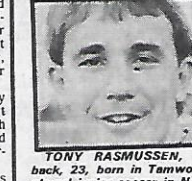
ADAM SANDY, forward, 25, played 100 English League games for Northampton Town before joining Blacktown recently.



BARRY HOARE, goalkeeper, 25, started with the Pendle Hill junior club, represented Australian schoolboys, played for NSW in a 2-2 draw with Queensland in 1978.



JOHN LARKIN, striker, 21, born in England but started with the Pendle Hill Tigers juniors in Sydney.



TONY RASMUSSEN, full back, 23, born in Timorworth, played junior soccer in Newcastle, was in NSW under 15 and under 15 State teams.



BRETT THORNTHWAITE, forward, 18, represented NSW from under 12 to under 18.

Westad, Canberra, Blacktown: beating the odds!



CANBERRA ARROWS, from left, top row: Roy Thompson (assistant coach), Andrew Brockbank, Doug Collins (coach), Paul Ontong, John Mihailidis, Derek Robinson (trainer). Middle row: Tom Sermanni, Alan Reis, Hilton Phillips, Roy Jones, Tony Franken, Marko Perinovic, Andrew Young, Ray Junna. Front row: Steve Hogg, Tony Redmond, Steve Bryant, Chris Hummel, Jim Murray, Michael Barnett, Frank Farina.



WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS, from left, standing: Nick Malavasos, Markopoulos (reserve), Gary Sproul, Graham Honeyman, Tim Brown, Steve Papadopoulos. Front: Steve Atsalas, John Papazoglou, Theo Stamatiopoulos, Ian McGregor, Neil McGachey, Manecas.

Blacktown, Canberra Arrows and West Adelaide Hellas started the season with a lot more success than had been expected.

We remembered Blacktown's last stint in the NSL, which proved to be disastrous - so much so that the club was relegated back to the NSW State League.

Canberra lost key players Tony Brennan, Duncan Cole, Gary Byrne, George Christopoulos, Terry Byrne who is injured and, until recently, Ian Gibson who was in dispute with the club.

And West Adelaide had to do without Robbie Dunn, Graham Heys, Bill Arney and Mick Brennan, meaning it is fielding one of the youngest combinations in the league.

Yet respective coaches Casey DeBruin (Blacktown), Doug Collins (Canberra) and Sam Salabasidis have come up trumps.

To help familiarise NSL fans with the players of these three clubs, we present this pictorial profile.

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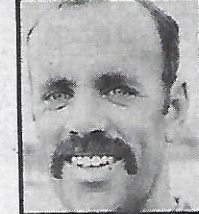
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CLIFF POINTER, centre back, 31, born in England.



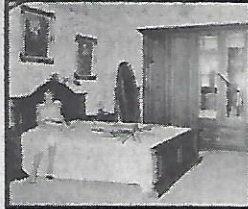
GARY BYRNE, midfielder, 29, three Australian under 23 caps and 30 full caps, joined from Canberra early this year. Previously with Marconi.



STUART SELVA, midfielder, 29, previously with Marconi, former NSW State rep at under 16 and senior levels, keen yachtsman.



PHIL O'CONNOR, striker, 29, played for Luton Town in England before joining Wollongong, and then moving on to St George, APIA and to the Wollongong NSL side. Current Australian international and prolific scorer.

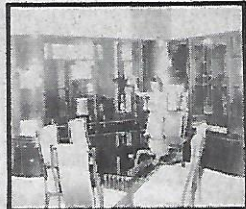


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Juventus, Apia, Fawkner, Monaro; tingono il calcio australiano di Azzurro!

A conclusione delle partite di domenica scorsa in vari campionati ed in vari Stati, squadre "italiane" si sono venute a trovare in vetta alle rispettive classifiche in numero così notevole da stabilire, secondo noi, un record difficilmente uguagliabile.

In alcuni casi si tratta di primati a pari punti, in altri casi si tratta delle prime bat-

tute del campionato ufficiale e perciò un primato che può essere molto temporaneo e molto vacuo; il fatto però rimane che alla fine del turno 7-8 aprile 1984 squadre italiane erano prime in classifica in entrambi i gironi della Lega Nazionale ed in entrambi i campionati statali del N.S.W. e del Victoria, senza contare i tanti campionati minori.

La Juventus di Melbourne guida solitaria la classifica del girone nazionale della NSL, dopo una spettacolare vittoria sul South Melbourne Hellas; l'APIA è prima a pari punti nel girone australiano della NSL dopo aver battuto il Marconi piuttosto nettamente, il Fawkner Azzurri è primo assoluto nel campionato statale del Victoria dopo l'attisante vittoria per 5-1 sul St Albans; l'Inter Monaro è primo a pari punti nel campionato statale del N.S.W.

Se andassimo a controllare tutti gli altri campionati minori sicuramente troveremmo molte altre squadre "azzurre" nella prima poltrona, come la Triestina (Essendon City) nella terza divisione del campionato di Lega Metropolitana del Victoria.

E, anche se fra le "inori", non possiamo fare a meno di prendere atto con molta soddisfazione della "resurrezione" della squadra alabardata che una ventina di anni fa era addirittura arrivata al massimo campionato del Victoria (quando non c'era ancora la Lega Nazionale).

Dopo un lungo capibombolo verso il basso, la Triestina ha cominciato a risalire nell'ultimo paio di stagioni e questo dovrebbe far piacere a tutti gli amanti del calcio. Con questo non vogliamo dire che la Triestina prima o poi si troverà in Lega Nazionale (anche se non è da escludere in senso assoluto), ne che è da considerare una seria concorrente per il Fawkner Azzurri (almeno per i prossimi anni), ma è indubbiamente una squadra ricca di tradizioni e ricca di talento.

Anzi è bello vedere che nel mondo del nostro calcio locale vi siano squadre di media levatura dove ragazzi italiani che non sono riusciti a sfondare con le "grandi" (per un motivo o per un altro), possono giocare e continuare a migliorare. Alec Fantoma, il magnifico "portierino" che avrebbe potuto anche sfondare alla Juventus, oggi è il sicuro guardiano della rete alabardata; Sodomaco è un altro giovane che avrebbe potuto anche affermarsi alla Juventus o al

VIVA ITALIA!
with ROCKY DI ZIO



Frank Geremia, il giovane terzino bianconero che si sta coprendo di gloria nelle file della Juventus di Melbourne, in azione domenica a scors contro l'Hellas. Sullo sfondo, un'insegna pubblicitaria con un nome molto caro a diverse generazioni di juventini: Borsari. Molto sono le ditte che patrocinano la Juventus quest'anno (come la "Prima Furniture" che si vede sul petto di Frank), ma la "Borsari Jewellers" è, per tanti, molto più di un semplice sponsor.

George Cross; così come anche Di Quattro, Manima, Zavattiero ed altri. E forse qui c'è una lezione importante per il calcio italiano: se le niamo molto volentieri alle belle realtà attuali. La Juventus di Melbourne merita indubbiamente l'etichetta più grande di tutte le altre squadre italiane d'Australia per questa settimana: senza alcune delle pedine più preziose del suo schieramento ideale, la squadra bianconera c'è andata a battere di forza il South Melbourne Hellas che schiera almeno tre quarti della nazionale australiana (presente, passata e futura)!

Descrivere l'impresa degli uomini di Margaris nello spazio qui consentito sarebbe impossibile, ci limiteremo perciò a dire che dopo la partita i tifosi bianconeri hanno portato in trionfo il presidente Vince Verduci, l'allenatore John Margaris e il capitano

Billy Rogers con uno slancio ed un ardore che non si vedeva da tanti anni!

Diremo anche che abbiamo visto gente di piangere, di abbracciarsi, di lasciarsi andare "grandi" continuano a produrre buoni giocatori che andrebbero benissimo per le "minori" che, a loro volta, producono "speranze" che potrebbero andar bene per le "grandi" e gli scambi avvengono con giudizio e senso delle proporzioni, allora potremmo finalmente vedere squadre "italiane" con giocatori "italiani" a tutti i livelli di questo sport.

Dopo quest divagazioni, toro a diverse dimostrazioni di commoimento, gioia, orgoglio, sollievo. Diremo che finalmente il nome "Jugentus" ed i colori "bianconeri" sono tornati ad essere a Melbourne quello che sono in tutto il mondo: sinonimo di "grande

squadra". Arriviamo anche a citare il Manzoni che, scrivendo di cose indubbiamente più importanti, diceva: "O giornate del nostro riscatto/ o dolente per sempre colla/ che da lungi dal labro d'altra/ come un uomo straniero le udra/ / che ai suoi figli narrando un giorno/ dovrà dir: "Io non c'ero" / che la sacra vittorie bandier/ salutata quel di/ non avra'!"

Speriamo che la buon'anima non si offenda per aver citato un suo poema sul Risorgimento Italiano in occasione del Risorgimento della Juventus di Melbourne; ma siamo sicuri che se il "buon Alessandro" fosse ancora vivo, fosse a Melbourne e fosse stato alla partita di domenica, avrebbe lui stesso scritto qualcosa del genere... e si sarebbe tolto tanto di cappello alla rete segnata da Gary Ward, al gran lavoro svolto dal piccolo Cullen, alla generosa prova di Frank Geremia, alla brillante prestazione di Dowie, Rogers, Zinni, Keogh, Hird e tutti gli altri; alla magnifica impostazione data alla squadra "d'emergenza" da John Margaris; al "piangere in cinese" che il team manager Joe Caruso avrà dovuto fare per arrivare al risultato!

E, per concludere, un ultimo avvertimento a coloro che hanno festeggiato l'incredibile vittoria e che hanno portato in trionfo dirigenti, allenatore e giocatori: non si potrà sempre vincere e non si potrà sempre indovinare tutto o avere tutta la fortuna dalla propria parte; arriveranno i giorni delle sconfitte, degli sbagli e della sfortuna; sarà allora che bisognerà ricordare il trionfo di domenica e sapersi contenere nelle dimostrazioni negative. Chi oggi è un santo non può essere un diavolo domani! E' ora che le mutevole pubblico sportivo mostrano capisca che nel momento di trionfo, in un certo senso, gli elogi sono meno necessari di quanto siano gli incoraggiamenti e la comprensione nei momenti di disfatta! Ma, naturalmente, la critica costruttiva deve essere sempre presente e sempre apprezzata in tutte le occasioni.

E questo discorso, ovviamente, non vale soltanto per la Juventus di Melbourne, ma per tutte le squadre "italiane" d'Australia (il resto del mondo lo lasciamo agli altri).

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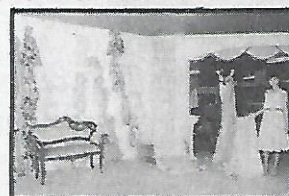
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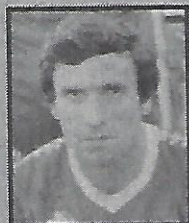
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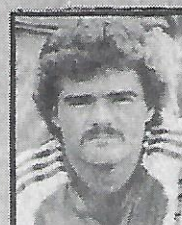
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